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TOPIC: Sacroiliac (SI) Fusion

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SI fusions are recommended only as the last resort for chronic or severe sacroiliac joint pain. The provider must document that all reasonable, conservative treatment has been tried.

Per the ODG Evidence-Based Decision Support, the indications for SI fusion are:

- Post-traumatic injury of the SI joint **OR all below:**
 - Failure of nonoperative treatment
 - Chronic pain lasting for years
 - Diagnosis confirmed by pain relief with intraarticular sacroiliac injections under fluoroscopic guidance and recurrence of symptoms after the initial positive response
 - Preoperative and postoperative general health and function assessed
 - Review of medical records and plain radiographs have been reviewed retrospectively to determine the clinical and radiographic outcome

All requests for SI fusions that meet the required indications will be sent for peer review.

