

Title: ENDOGRAFT REPAIR FOR ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

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POLICY:

1. Endovascular Stent Graft procedures will be performed with at least two physicians present including an interventionalist and a surgeon or one vascular or cardiothoracic surgeon trained in endovascular procedures, who meet the following criteria:
 - A. Training:
 - 1) Radiology
 - a) CAQ Interventional Radiology, or
 - b) Interventional Radiology Fellowship, or
 - c) Current privileges in Interventional Radiology, and
 - d) Board Certification in Radiology
 - 2) Cardiology
 - a) Interventional Cardiology Fellowship, or
 - b) Current privileges in Interventional Cardiology, and current privileges in Diagnostic Peripheral Vascular Angiography, Percutaneous Transluminal Peripheral Vascular Angioplasty and Stent Insertion of the Renal, Iliac, Femoral and Subclavian Arteries
 - c) Board Certification in Cardiology
 - 3) General and Vascular Surgery
 - a) General Surgery Residency, and
 - b) Vascular Surgery Fellowship, or
 - c) Current credentials to perform open vascular repairs, and
 - d) Board Certification in General Surgery, or Vascular Surgery
 - 4) Cardiothoracic Surgery
 - a) Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, and
 - b) Current credentials to perform open vascular repairs, and
 - c) Board Certification in Cardiothoracic Surgery
 - B. Experience:
 - 1) Successfully completed a training course in abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA) offered by an Endovascular Aortic Graft manufacturer if this has not been a part of the curriculum of either the Residency or Fellowship..

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- 2) Perform 10 AAA Cases:
 - a) At an outside facility; or
 - b) Scrubbed in with another SJRMC physician who has endograft credentialing. The primary operator will be the physician who is endograft credentialed.
- C. Proctoring: Two (2) concurrent cases. A surgeon or interventionalist should be proctored by another physician with AAA endovascular privileges if performing the endovascular portion of the procedure.
- D. Current Competency: Four (4) cases every two years at reappointment or evidence of ongoing CME courses pertaining to Endovascular aortic repair.
 - a) Surgeons with access only (who do not perform the endovascular portion) do not need to meet this requirement.
- E. All cases will be reviewed according to the quality review criteria.

References/Standards:

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