Biomagnetic Therapy

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Definitions
Biomagnetic therapy (aka magnetic therapy, magnetherapy, magnotherapy, static magnetic field therapy or therapeutic magnets) consists of placing a magnet on or near the skin using a variety of devices (e.g., bracelets, necklaces, insoles, sleeves, head bands, mattress pads, etc.) to create an electromagnetic field to areas of musculoskeletal damage or perceived discomfort. Proposed uses include degenerative joint conditions such as osteoarthritis, joint and tendon injury.

Related Medical Guidelines
Dorsal Column Stimulator for Pain Management
Pain Management
Radiofrequency Ablation for Spinal Pain

Note: This guideline does not address transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). For TMS clinical criteria see Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for Major Depressive Disorder.

Guideline
Biomagnetic therapy is considered investigational and not medically necessary.

Limitations/Exclusions
Biomagnetic therapy, in any capacity, is not considered medically necessary for pain management (or any disease/condition) due to insufficient evidence of therapeutic value.
Applicable Procedure Code

97799 — Unlisted physical medicine/rehabilitation service or procedure

References


10. Specialty matched clinical peer review.

