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### **Surgical Assist Procedures List**

#### **ANKLE AND FOOT**

Achilles tendon repair/Gastrocnemius Slide  
Amputation - toe  
Ankle arthrodesis  
Calcaneal osteotomy  
Ligament reconstruction\*  
ORIF of ankle  
Removal of loose body/Debridement  
Subtalar fusion  
Tarsometatarsal fusion  
Tibial tendon augmentation  
Triple arthrodesis

#### **BONE**

Fixation osteochondral fracture (with or without osteotomy)  
Harvest Iliac crest bone graft  
Intramedullary hardware removal

#### **ELBOW**

Above/Below elbow amputation  
Arthroscopic elbow capsular release  
Arthroscopic or open elbow ligament repair  
Lateral or medial epicondylar release  
Osteotomy - elbow  
Radial head excision  
Ulnar nerve transposition

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### **HAND AND WRIST**

Artery and nerve repair - major  
Artery and nerve repair - minor  
Capsulotomy/Capsulolysis\*  
Distal ulnar radial resection/arthroplasty  
Fracture/Reconstruction ORIF (one bone, finger)  
Fusion PIP joint/MCP joint or arthroplasty  
Open reduction and bone graft fixation of non-union scaphoid  
Osteotomy - hand\*  
Palmar fasciectomy  
Scapholunate reconstruction  
Silastic wrist fusion/Wrist arthrodesis  
Tenolysis, 3 or less\*  
Tenolysis, 4 or more\*  
TFCC repair  
Ulnar shortening osteotomy

### **KNEE**

ACL reconstruction  
Above/Below knee amputation  
High tibial osteotomy  
Knee arthroplasty - unicompartmental  
Meniscus repair  
Osteochondral bone graft femur  
PCL Reconstruction  
Revision of ACL

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## **SHOULDER**

Acromioplasty and distal clavicle resection\*  
Bankart/SLAP Repair - includes acromioplasty  
Biceps tenodesis or repair  
ORIF of clavicle with associated bone grafting  
Rib resection/Scalenectomy  
Rotator cuff repair - includes acromioplasty  
Shoulder stabilization/Capsular shrinkage\*

## **GENERAL**

Fasciotomy of upper/lower limbs\*  
Hernia repair  
Sympathectomy

## **SPINE**

Lumbar Discectomy 1 level  
Lumbar Discectomy 2 levels  
Cervical Discectomy 1 level  
Cervical Discectomy 2 levels