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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