



MEDICAL COVERAGE GUIDELINES
SECTION: LABORATORY

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LABORATORY TEST FOR SYNOVASURE

Non-Discrimination Statement and Multi-Language Interpreter Services information are located at the end of this document.

Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Medical Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

This Medical Coverage Guideline provides information related to coverage determinations only and does not imply that a service or treatment is clinically appropriate or inappropriate. The provider and the member are responsible for all decisions regarding the appropriateness of care. Providers should provide BCBSAZ complete medical rationale when requesting any exceptions to these guidelines.

The section identified as "Description" defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as "Criteria" defines criteria to determine whether a service, procedure, medical device or drug is considered medically necessary or experimental or investigational.

State or federal mandates, e.g., FEP program, may dictate that any drug, device or biological product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may not be considered experimental or investigational and thus the drug, device or biological product may be assessed only on the basis of medical necessity.

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For purposes of this Medical Coverage Guideline, the terms "experimental" and "investigational" are considered to be interchangeable.

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Description:

Synovasure™ is a laboratory test specifically used for the diagnosis of periprosthetic joint infection (PJI). This test includes three measurements: an immunoassay measurement of synovial fluid alpha defensin, an immunoassay measurement of synovial fluid C-reactive protein (CRP) and a measurement of synovial fluid hemoglobin. Synovasure™ may be used in individuals with systemic inflammatory diseases, those taking antibiotics, or those experiencing adverse effects of metal products.

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Criteria:

- Synovasure testing for the diagnosis of periprosthetic joint infection (PJI) is considered **experimental or investigational** based upon:
1. Insufficient scientific evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect on health outcomes, and
 2. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome, and
 3. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome as much as, or more than, established alternatives, and
 4. Insufficient evidence to support improvement outside the investigational setting.

Resources:

Literature reviewed 09/04/18. We do not include marketing materials, poster boards and non-published literature in our review.

1. Balato G, Franceschini V, Ascione T, et al. High performance of alpha-defensin lateral flow assay (Synovasure) in the diagnosis of chronic knee prosthetic infections. *Knee surgery, sports traumatology, arthroscopy : official journal of the ESSKA*. Jun 2018;26(6):1717-1722.
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3. Eriksson HK, Nordstrom J, Gabrysch K, Hailer NP, Lazarinis S. Does the Alpha-defensin Immunoassay or the Lateral Flow Test Have Better Diagnostic Value for Periprosthetic Joint Infection? A Systematic Review. *Clinical orthopaedics and related research*. May 2018;476(5):1065-1072.
4. Gehrke T, Lausmann C, Citak M, Bonanzinga T, Frommelt L, Zahar A. The Accuracy of the Alpha Defensin Lateral Flow Device for Diagnosis of Periprosthetic Joint Infection: Comparison with a Gold Standard. *The Journal of bone and joint surgery American volume*. Jan 3 2018;100(1):42-48.



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5. Plate A, Stadler L, Sutter R, et al. Inflammatory disorders mimicking periprosthetic joint infections may result in false positive alpha-defensin. *Clinical microbiology and infection : the official publication of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases*. Feb 26 2018.
6. Renz N, Yermak K, Perka C, Trampuz A. Alpha Defensin Lateral Flow Test for Diagnosis of Periprosthetic Joint Infection: Not a Screening but a Confirmatory Test. *The Journal of bone and joint surgery American volume*. May 2 2018;100(9):742-750.
7. Scholten R, Visser J, Van Susante JLC, Van Loon CJM. Low sensitivity of a-defensin (Synovasure) test for intra-operative exclusion of prosthetic joint infection. *Acta orthopaedica*. Jun 2018;89(3):357-359.
8. Sigmund IK, Holinka J, Gamper J, et al. Qualitative alpha-defensin test (Synovasure) for the diagnosis of periprosthetic infection in revision total joint arthroplasty. *The bone & joint journal*. Jan 2017;99-b(1):66-72.



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