



# Transperineal Placement of Biodegradable Material (SpaceOAR™) for Prostate Cancer

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## Policy

The Medical Management Department reviews referral requests for authorization of Transperineal Placement of Biodegradable Material (SpaceOAR™) for patients with Prostate Cancer.

This Medical Policy does not constitute medical advice. When deciding coverage, the enrollee's specific plan document must be referenced. The terms of an enrollee's plan document (Certificate of Coverage (COC) or Summary Plan Description (SPD)) may differ from this Medical Policy. In the event of a conflict, the enrollee's specific benefit plan document supersedes this Medical Policy. All reviewers must first identify enrollee eligibility, any federal or state regulatory requirements, and the plan benefit coverage prior to use of this Medical Policy. Other Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines may apply. Quartz reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary.

## Procedure

### A. Documentation Required:

In order to facilitate the authorization process, referral requests MUST include the following:

1. Diagnosis and staging of prostate cancer. Prostate cancer should not have evidence of T3 rectal invasion or posterior extension.
2. Treatment plan by a Radiation Oncologist includes radiotherapy to the prostate.
3. Documentation of adequate renal function or for patients with chronic renal disease (e.g., Serum Cr  $\geq$  2 or on dialysis) with approval of treating Nephrologist.
4. The provider performing the procedure is a physician certified in the SpaceOAR™ procedure or is familiar with ultrasound guided transperineal procedures and is in the process of SpaceOAR™ certification.

### B. Criteria for Medical Necessity

Transperineal periprostatic placement of biodegradable material (e.g., SpaceOAR™) is considered medically necessary when **ALL** the following criteria are met (a-e):

- a. The patient has a diagnosis of prostate cancer without evidence of local advancement (e.g. rectal invasion or posterior extension); **AND**
- b. Patient does not have an active bleeding disorder; **AND**
- c. The treatment plan by a Radiation Oncologist includes radiotherapy to the prostate; **AND**
- d. The procedure will be performed by a physician certified in the SpaceOAR™ procedure or a physician who is familiar with ultrasound guided transperineal procedures and is in the process of SpaceOAR™ certification; **AND**
- e. Evidence of adequate renal function with serum Creatinine  $<$  2.0mg/dl and not receiving dialysis, or the approval of the treating Nephrologist.

**C. Conditions Considered Experimental/Investigational (not an all-inclusive list)**

1. Transperineal periprostatic placement of biodegradable material experimental and investigational for all other indications.
2. Prostate cancer which is locally advanced (e.g., there is rectal invasion or T3 class tumor and posterior extension).
3. Use in patients with prostate cancer undergoing low dose rate (LDR) brachytherapy.
4. Use in patients with renal failure evidenced by a serum creatinine of  $\geq 2.0$  or on hemo or peritoneal dialysis unless approved by the treating nephrologist.

**CPT Codes:**

55874	Transperineal placement of biodegradable material, peri-prostatic, single or multiple injection(s), including image guidance, when performed.
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