REIMBURSEMENT OF IMPLANTS
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A focus on reimbursement of orthopaedic implants in Belgium

Overview

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Legal Framework

• 25 JUNI 2014. — Koninklijk besluit tot vaststelling van de procedures, termijnen en voorwaarden inzake de tegemoetkoming van de verplichte verzekerings voor geneeskundige verzorging en uitkeringen in de kosten van implantaten en invasieve medische hulpmiddelen

Procedure: notification

• Registration of all implantable devices on the Belgian market
• Distributor registers through an online application
• Notification is required for a reimbursement
• If not notified, not billable to the patient
• Exceptions:
  – Tooth implants
  – Custom-made implants
  – Device for clinical research
  – Stitching and ligation
• Currently managed by RIZIV/INAMI
  – To be transferred to FAGG / AFMPS

Procedure: the List

• ENG: « The List »: the list of reimbursement codes for implants and invasive medical devices
  – NL: “de lijst” : de lijst van verstrekkingen van vergoedbare implantaten en invasieve medische hulpmiddelen
  – FR: “la liste” : la liste des prestations des implants et des dispositifs médicaux invasifs remboursables
• Reimbursement codes available on our website:
  – On-line application "sIMPL"
Procedure: the List

What?
- List of specific models that are reimbursed

When?
- All active implants
- Need for additional guarantees as to quality of the device (clinical studies, warranty, ...)
- Need for additional guarantees as to a correct / appropriate tarification of the device

Procedure: nominative lists

Who pays?

CE-mark?
- Not on the market!

Implant?
- Notified by distributor?
  - Yes
  - No

Reimbursement code?
- (& Nom. List?)
  - Yes
  - No

Hospital budget?
- Yes
- No

Distributor can demand reimbursement code

Who submits?

- Distributor: mainly related to new devices
- Commission: mainly modifying existing codes or reimbursement conditions
- Minister: mainly budgetary aspects
- + in the future: Scientific associations
  - Non-profit professional organization of caregivers (with in their objectives the promotion of scientific information and quality of care), will be allowed to submit reimbursement dossiers to RIZIV/INAMI.
  - In consultation with the distributor(s)
  - For example: modification of reimbursement category, extension of target population, change in indications, new techniques...
News

• Saving measures 2018
  – 0.95 % decrease of implants reimbursement, except implantable cardiac defibrillators, hip and spinal cord implants. Effective 1st of April 2018.
  – Hip implants: revision of all implants acts (to be implemented later this year, probably 1st of June). Few nominative lists preserved/created for acts with added value.

Spine Units

• For a uniform approach to spinal cord pathology by introducing a standard diagnostic triage and a multidisciplinary organization mode
• Mandatory multidisciplinary consultation for critical spine procedures and other complex treatments (including neuromodulation)
• Mandatory data registration for some interventions (e.g. Spine Tango)
• A new nomenclature for spinal surgery

Spine Tango Registry

• Spinal conservative therapy and surgery registry
• is being created with HaelData, to be launched Q4 2018
• Belgian Spine Tango data will be pooled with the Spine Tango European Registry.
• Under the supervision of SSBe / Eurospine
• Goals:
  – Monitor outcome. Data analysis, Overall quality, Comparative effectiveness
  – Objective view with great amount of quality data
  – Improve practice (local or general), establish guidelines

Orthopride

• ORTHOpedic Prosthesis Identification Data
• Belgian Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Registry
• Main goals:
  – collect data to study the quality of care
  – to know which prosthesis has been implanted in one patient coming to a consultation (possibly order material accordingly)
  – to measure lifespan of prosthesis

Orthopride

• Created in 2008. Compulsory data completion to get reimbursement started in July 2014.
• BVOT/SORBOT/ORT evaluates recorded data and reports annually to the CRIDI/CTIIMH
• Will be transferred to HealthData in 2019. Opportunity to improve the registry. System-to-System in some hospitals will need adjustments
• Possible addition of other joints in the future (ankle, shoulder)

What’s coming next...

• Custom-made / 3D printing devices challenge: currently not notified, not CE-marked, change in legislation (Medical Device Regulation vs Medical Device Directive), KCE report Jan 2018.
  → Currently no consensus, different approaches for different custom-made devices
  → Effort will be made to align reimbursement with new regulations and new evidences
What’s coming next...

• TMJ Temporo mandibular joint prosthesis: currently no reimbursement via regular procedure, but reimbursement possible for custom-made devices through a custom-made implant code with agreement of Collège des médecins directeurs/Collegie van artsen-directeurs.
  ➔ The Commission is working on a proposal to streamline as regular procedure (target Q4 2018)
  ➔ New reimbursement codes foreseen next year

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Thank you for your attention.