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Definitions

Biomagnetic Therapy

Biomagnetic therapy (aka magnetic therapy, magnetherapy, magnotherapy, static magnetic field therapy or therapeutic magnets) consists of placing a magnet on or near the skin using a variety of devices (e.g., bracelets, necklaces, insoles, sleeves, head bands, mattress pads, etc.) to create an electromagnetic field to areas of musculoskeletal damage or perceived discomfort. Proposed uses include degenerative joint conditions such as osteoarthritis, joint and tendon injury.

Guideline

Biomagnetic therapy is considered investigational and not medically necessary.
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Limitation/Exclusion

Biomagnetic therapy, in any capacity, is not considered medically necessary for pain management (or any disease/condition) due to insufficient evidence of therapeutic value.

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