

Shaver Blade and Wand

- For 342 cases, the number of shaver blades was listed. Of these, in 53 procedures (15%), shaver blades were described as reusable. The following results are based on the remaining 289 cases.
- 81% used a single shaver blade only.
- 15% of cases used a shaver blade and a wand (no wands in the 353 cases studied were listed as reusable). In 1 case, 1 shaver blade and 2 wands were used.
- In 3% of cases, the surgeon used 2 shaver blades only.
- In 1% of the cases, 2 shaver blades and a wand were used.
- In 1 case, 3 shaver blades were used.
- Shaver blade cost was listed in 314 cases. The median cost of shaver blades was \$58 and the 1st quartile was \$51 or below.
- Arthroscopy wand cost was listed in 47 cases. The median wand cost was \$148 and the 1st quartile cutoff was \$140.
- Organization 2005 used Linvatec shaver blades (*ie*, Cuda C9254).
- Organization 2005 primarily used Arthrocare wands (*ie*, A3625-01).
- Organization 2005 attributes its pricing to its volume of cases, although 2005 was fifth in annual case volume for knee arthroscopy and performed approximately ¼ (25%) of the procedures that the organization with the highest volume did annually.

Average Shaver Blade and Arthroscopy Wand Cost by Organization

