

# E0651 Medicare Coverage Criteria

Lymphedema clinical criteria.

**Diagnosis:**

- I89.0 Secondary Lymphedema with etiology documented
- I97.2 Post Mastectomy Lymphedema
- Q82.0 Hereditary/Congenital Lymphedema (praecox or tarda)

**Symptoms of severity:**

- Marked hyperkeratosis, or
- Hyperpigmentation, or
- Papillomatosis cutis lymphostatica, or
- Elephantiasis, or
- Skin breakdown with persisting lymphorrhea, or
- Detailed measurements over time confirming the persistence of lymphedema with a history evidencing a likely etiology (meaning twice: at the start and stop of four-week trial)

**Patient adherence and failure to a four-week trial of conservative therapy that includes:**

- Compression (min. 30mmHg distally required)
- Exercise
- Elevation
- Explanation of symptoms persisting despite treatments tried

NOTE: If a patient is unable to perform any component(s) above, this must be clearly documented in the medical record.

**Clinical girth measurements:**

- If a patient has one of the conditions listed in the symptoms of severity section, then one set of measurements taken at multiple anatomical locations is required documentation in the progress notes.
  - One key term + one set of measurements
- If a patient does not have one of the conditions listed in the symptoms of severity section, then two sets of measurements taken at multiple anatomical locations are required documentation at the start and completion of the four-week trial of conservative therapy (requirements below).
  - No key term = two sets of measurements (pre/post trial)
  - Synonym of key term = two sets of measurements (pre/post trial)

NOTE: Measurements used to establish severity are required to be taken by a clinician. Your Tactile Medical representative can help train your clinical staff on consistent girth measurements to ensure proper documentation.

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