E0652 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:

- Lymphedema is extending to the chest, trunk and/or abdomen
- In addition to one of the following:
  - 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 (often taken at the start and stop of each trial period)

Patient adherence and failure to a four-week basic pneumatic compression device (PCD) trial that includes:

- Daily multiple hour use of a basic PCD
- Exercise, elevation and compression (min. 30mmHg distally required)
- MLD or self-MLD for 30 minutes daily
- Evaluation of diet and medications, and modification as appropriate
- 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. Daily multiple hour use of a basic PCD may be documented on the Rx or in the medical record.

Clinical girth measurements:

- Two sets of measurements are required: one set at the start and one set at the completion of the four-week basic PCD trial. One set of measurements can be from the basic PCD assessment.
- Measurements must be taken at **multiple anatomical limb locations** in addition to the **chest, trunk and/or abdominal locations** (e.g., axilla, umbilicus).

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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