



Medicare Physician Documentation Requirements for Prosthetics

- a. Expectation of Functional Ability
 - Patient's functional capabilities **prior** to amputation
 - Patient's **current** functional capabilities
 - His/her **expected** functional potential (for lower extremity, include the K-Level)
 - Explanation for the difference.
- b. Historical documentation of the current prosthesis/component(s)
 - History of amputation; include level of amputation and side.
 - History of the prosthesis/components being replaced
 - Description of the labor involved (we can provide this information if needed)
 - Reason for replacement (e.g. change in physiological condition; irreparable change in the condition of the prosthesis/component(s))
- c. Patient's **current** and **past** residual limb condition, shape and/or volume. Note any increase or decrease. Skin condition along with any risk factors i.e diabetes.
- d. Patient's desire to use the prosthesis being ordered or to ambulate.
- e. Written order.

We understand that Medicare's stricter policies are putting a serious burden on our physicians and their staff. So if we can assist you in any way; please don't hesitate to contact our office (530) 241-4040.