

# Novitas Foot Care

**Jeffrey D. Lehrman, DPM, FASPS, MAPWCA**

APMA Coding Committee

APMA MACRA Task Force

Expert Panelist, Codingline

Fellow, American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management

Board of Directors, ASPS

Board of Directors, APWCA

Editorial Advisory Board, *WOUNDS*

Twitter: [@DrLehrman](https://twitter.com/DrLehrman)

- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Arteritis of the feet
- Chronic indurated cellulitis
- Intractable edema-secondary to a specific disease (e.g., congestive heart failure, kidney disease, hypothyroidism)

- Raynaud's disease
- Lymphedema-secondary to a specific disease (e.g., Milroy's disease, malignancy)
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Chronic venous insufficiency

- Diabetes mellitus \*
- Arteriosclerosis obliterans
- Buerger's disease
- Chronic thrombophlebitis \*
- And.....

- Peripheral neuropathies involving the feet
  - Associated with malnutrition and vitamin deficiency \*
    - Malnutrition
    - Alcoholism
    - Malabsorption
    - Pernicious anemia
  - Associated with carcinoma \*
  - Associated with diabetes mellitus \*
  - Associated with drugs or toxins \*
  - Associated with multiple sclerosis \*
  - Associated with uremia (chronic renal disease) \*
  - Associated with traumatic injury
  - Associated with leprosy and neurosyphilis
  - Associated with hereditary disorders
    - Hereditary sensory radicular neuropathy
    - Angiokeratoma corporis diffusum (Fabry's)
    - Amyloid neuropathy

- Watch for the \* !!!

MD, DO, or NPP within the last 6 months  
or shortly after rendition of service

# Class Findings

- 1 Class A finding (modifier Q7)
- 2 Class B findings (modifier Q8)
- 1 Class B and 2 Class C findings (modifier Q9)

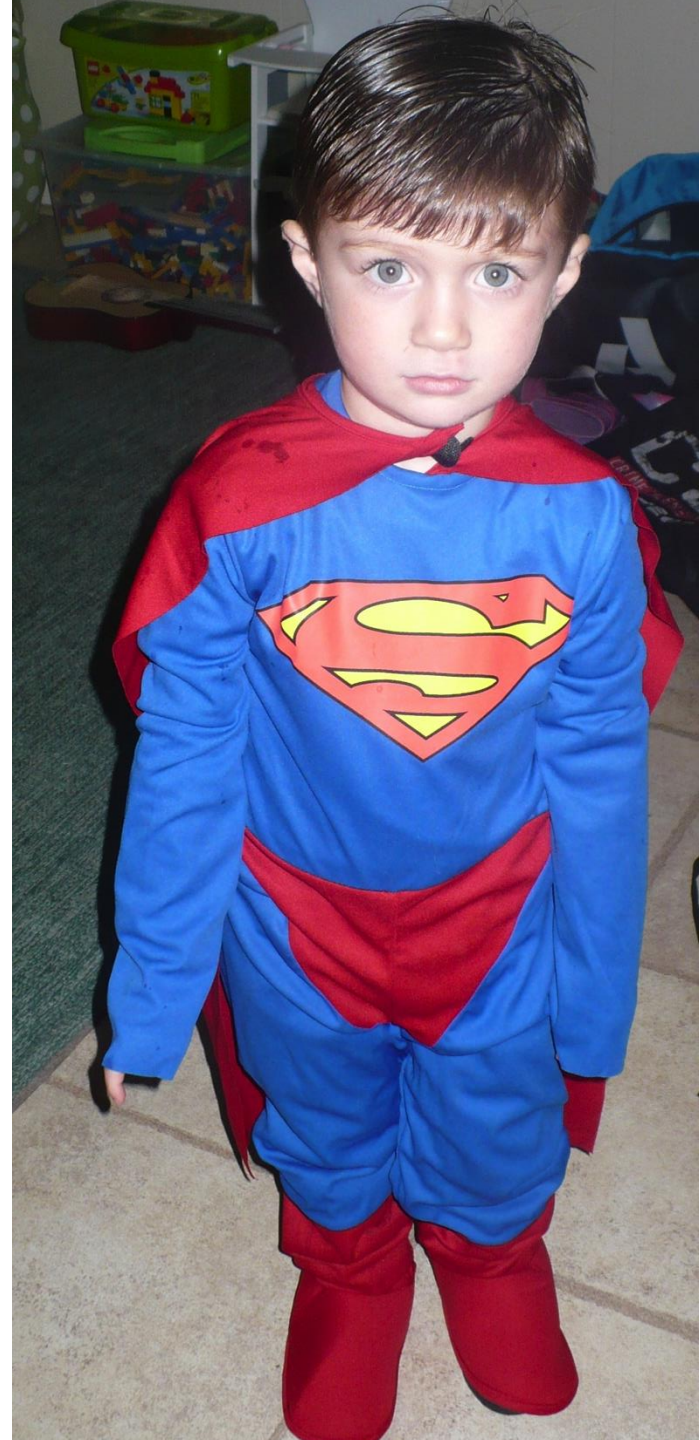
- Class A Finding:
  - Nontraumatic amputation of foot
- Class B Findings:
  - Absent PT pulse  
Absent PT pulse
  - Advanced trophic changes (at least three of the following):
    - Decrease or absence of hair growth
    - Nail changes
    - Skin pigment changes
    - Thin and shiny skin texture
    - Rubor or redness of skin
- Class C Findings:
  - Claudication
  - Temperature changes (cold feet)
  - Edema
  - Paresthesia (abnormal spontaneous sensations in feet)
  - Burning



- **11719:** Trimming of nondystrophic nails, any number
- **G0127:** Trimming of dystrophic nails, any number
- **11720:** Debridement of nail(s) by any method(s); one to five
- **11721 :** Debridement of nail(s) by any method(s); six or more
  
- Debride = reduce bulk

- Obligation to Bill Non-Covered Services
- If the beneficiary believes that a service may be covered or desires a formal Medicare determination, must file a claim for that service.
- Submit HCPCS modifier GY to denote that 'the item or service is statutorily excluded or does not meet the definition of any Medicare benefit.' Maintain documentation that the service is being submitted at the beneficiary's insistence. You may also submit HCPCS modifier GY when filing claims to obtain a Medicare denial for secondary payer purposes.

Thank You!!



# Novitas Foot Care

**Jeffrey D. Lehrman, DPM, FASPS, MAPWCA**

APMA Coding Committee

APMA MACRA Task Force

Expert Panelist, Codingline

Fellow, American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management

Board of Directors, ASPS

Board of Directors, APWCA

Editorial Advisory Board, *WOUNDS*

Twitter: [@DrLehrman](https://twitter.com/DrLehrman)