



Suction Machine Documentation

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Documentation Requirements

All Insurances

- Suction Machine and Supplies Prescription
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medical Record Requirements

- Face-to-face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's difficulty raising and clearing secretions secondary to one of the following:
 - Cancer or surgery of the throat or mouth
 - Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles
 - Unconsciousness or obtunded state
 - Tracheostomy
- For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
- For tracheal suction catheters
 - Records must support patient has a tracheostomy and needs the catheters to suction the trach site.
- For closed system suction catheters:
 - Records must support that the patient has a tracheostomy and a covered ventilator.
- For suction toothbrushes
 - Letter of medical necessity documenting why the item is necessary. Additional justification is required for prescribing more than one per month.
 - Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) if the patient has Medicaid. These are not covered by Medicare.