

THE RICHIE DYNAMIC ASSIST BRACE®

“A dorsiflexion-assist AFO for Dropfoot Conditions”



DESCRIPTION

The Richie Dynamic Assist Brace® is a custom articulated ankle-foot-orthosis with two spring-like hinges, medial and lateral, to provide up to 15 degrees of dorsiflexion of the foot at the ankle joint during the swing phase of gait.

CLINICAL INDICATIONS

The Richie Dynamic Assist Brace® is indicated for the stabilization of the foot and ankle in patients with weakness of the dorsiflexor and evertor muscles of the lower leg. This presentation may be the result of:

- Post CVA (stroke)
- Mild Muscular Dystrophy
- Charcot Marie Tooth Disease
- Post Spinal Cord Surgery
- Diabetic Neuropathy

Brace is indicated for patients with:
Partial or complete dropfoot

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Brace is NOT indicated for patients with:
Spasticity of plantar flexors or invertor muscle groups
Moderate to severe weakness of plantarflexors
Severe equinus ankle dorsiflexion zero degrees or less.

Brace CAN be used if patient has:
Adducto-varus foot deformity
Diabetic Charcot deformity without severe equinus
Body weight over 200 pounds

ADVANTAGES

The Richie Dynamic Assist Brace® is an alternative to traditional AFO therapy for dropfoot because the brace has a comfortable, low-profile sport brace design. It also has a custom, balanced foot orthotic that contours to the medial and lateral arches and balances forefoot to rearfoot deformities, much like a podiatric foot orthotic. The orthotic footplate can incorporate standard podiatric modifications including accommodations, forefoot posting and sweet spots. The dynamic hinge is anatomically aligned to allow a comfortable pure sagittal plane motion according to the patients' own unique axis of rotation. The casting technique utilizes the standard Richie Brace® protocol with three strips of plaster or the STS Ankle Sock.

The Richie Dynamic Assist Brace® is now available utilizing the current standard Richie Brace® Prescription form. Just designate at the top of the form “Dynamic Assist” and complete the form according to the footplate prescription requirements.

**SUGGESTED CODES/FEEES FOR
DYNAMIC ASSIST RICHIE BRACE®**



DESCRIPTION	CPT CODE	FEE
CASE FEE PER FOOT		
Visit #1		
Office Visit	99213	65.00
Visit #2 (bill both component codes)		
Dispense/fit custom Richie Brace: AFO plastic, molded to patient model with ankle joints	L1970	700.00
Tamarac dorsi-assist ankle joints (priced each)	L2210	(\$70.00 ea) 140.00
Soft interface, below knee	L2820	85.00
TOTAL FEE (one foot, one Richie Brace)		\$ 990.00
*Possible Additions:	<i>(DO NOT use with Medicare/DMERC billing)</i>	
Visco soft spot under ulcer or T-N joint (heel pad)	L3480	45.00
Metatarsal bar	L3400	45.00
Heel lift	L3300	35.00
*Possible Additions:	<i>(MAY BE used with Medicare/DMERC billing)</i>	
Varus/Valgus Control, Plastic Modification. (Medial heel skive, intrinsic cast balancing/posting)	L2275	115.00

Disclaimer

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Important Billing Tips:

When billing, change the place of service to 12 (from the standard 11) to indicate "where" the brace will be used. In box 11 of the HCFA form, type (or write) the word NO or NONE. Indicate RT or LT on the L code for example L1970RT without the above items, the claim may be denied or delayed.