

THE RICHIE BRACE® STANDARD VERSION



DESCRIPTION

The Richie Brace® is a custom ankle foot orthosis which contains a balanced functional foot orthotic attached to a semi-rigid ankle brace. It is designed to apply force both above and below the axis of rotation of the major joints of the foot and ankle (rearfoot complex). The Richie Brace® is designed to control foot and ankle movements in situations where traditional foot orthotics may fail.

CLINICAL INDICATIONS

Adult Acquired Flatfoot secondary to Posterior Tibial Tendon Dysfunction (i.e. TPD, PTTD etc)

Severe Pronation secondary to Neuromuscular Disease, Tarsal Coalition, Early Charcot Arthropathy

Severe Arthritis of the Ankle, Subtalar and Midtarsal Joints

Lateral Ankle Instability

Custom Sports Performance Brace

Peroneal Tendinopathy i.e. chronic tendonitis or tear

CONTRAINDICATIONS

The Richie Brace® is NOT indicated for:

Severe Charcot Arthropathy

Spastic Dropfoot (for flaccid dropfoot, use Dynamic Assist Richie Brace®)

Spastic Equinus or Uncompensated Equinus

Flexion Instability of the Knee (secondary to severe weakness of Gastroc-Soleus and/or Quadriceps)

HOW DOES THE RICHIE BRACE® WORK?

The orthotic footplate is generally balanced to align the subtalar joint in neutral position, midtarsal joint locked and pronated, and the first ray in a neutral to plantarflexed position. Conformity of the orthotic footplate to the foot of the user encourages optimal positioning and re-direction of ground reaction forces. Rotation of the joints of the rearfoot complex are controlled by controlling TIBIAL ROTATION. Tibial rotation is directly coupled to the talonavicular joint and the subtalar joint. By reducing tibial rotation on the foot, the primary movement of pronation (internal rotation) and inversion ankle sprain (external rotation) is controlled.

SUGGESTED CODES/FEEES FOR RICHIE BRACE® TREATMENT



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
Soft interface, below knee	L2820	85.00
TOTAL FEE (one foot, one Richie Brace)		\$ 850.00
*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.