

THE RICHIE SOCCER BRACE®



DESCRIPTION

A custom ankle brace that incorporates a shin-guard for soccer practice and competition. This brace is a specialized version of the Richie Brace®, a custom articulated ankle foot orthosis. The Richie Soccer brace includes custom, balanced functional foot orthosis articulated at the ankle with a semi-rigid ankle brace.

CLINICAL INDICATIONS

- Functional Instability of the Ankle and Subtalar Joints
- Post Grade II and Grade III Lateral Ankle Sprain
- Recovery from Syndesmosis Sprain
- Severe Sever's Calcaneal Apophysitis
- Chronic Medial Tibial Fasciitis (shin splints)
- Tendinopathy of the Foot and Ankle

UNIQUE FEATURES

Most ankle braces do not fit comfortably into cleated soccer shoes. Most ankle braces limit ankle plantarflexion-dorsiflexion movements vital to proper kicking and control of the soccer ball. Most ankle braces cannot be worn comfortably with standard shin-guards required of competitive soccer players.

The Richie Brace® is custom molded to a plaster model of the patient's foot. Tight conformity, and thin polypropylene materials assure minimal displacement of shoe fit. Custom placement of ankle hinge allows pure sagittal plane movement for un-restricted ball control and kicking. At the same time, complete restriction of abnormal frontal (inversion) and transverse (internal-external) rotation is provided by the footplate and limb-uprights. The molded anterior tibial shin guard fits inside the limb uprights for compact fit, while allowing total functional movement of the brace.

CASTING

Follow the standard Richie Brace® casting protocol with plaster splints or use the STS Ankle Sock. Please provide a circumference measurement of the calf for proper fitting of the shin guard.

SUGGESTED CODES/FEEES FOR RICHIE® SOCCER 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
Soft interface, below knee	L2820	85.00
Anterior Tibial Shell (Non-Molded Calf Lacer)	L2320	191.00
TOTAL FEE (one foot, one Richie Brace)		\$ 1041.00
*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.