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Connect® TF

Reimbursement Guide

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Connect® TF: Coding* & MSRP

Össur suggests the following codes for Connect TF when part of a complete prosthetic limb:

Code	Description	MSRP
L5321, or L5585, or L5701	(if provided as a) definitive socket (if provided as a) preparatory socket (if provided as a) replacement socket	
L5649	Ischial containment/narrow m-l socket	
L5650	Total contact, above knee or knee disarticulation socket	
L5671	Suspension locking mechanism	
L5920	Endo ak/hip alignable system	
L5950	Endo ak ultra-light material	
L5999	Adjustable calibrated tensioning socket system, thermoplastic elastomer socket rotation control mechanism and untensioned/open socket circumference donning feature	$3,000

Connect TF is a new prosthetic socket that includes new features and design that distinguishes it from other sockets.

Connect TF has an adjustable calibrated tensioning system, which permits the prosthetist to control tensioning to increase overall comfort of the prosthetic socket and provide adequate suspension. In addition, the Connect TF features a thermoplastic elastomer socket rotation control mechanism. The feature prevents the socket from rotating internally or externally once donned by the user, providing stability and maintaining alignment. The Connect TF also includes an untensioned/open socket circumference donning feature that allows the patient to don the prosthesis while sitting down. Connect TF is designed for patients with a functional level of K1-K2, making the ability to don the socket in a seated position critically important, as many individuals in this population are unable to safely stand and don a prosthesis using traditional methods.

*Responsibility for accurate coding lies solely with the provider treating the patient. Össur assumes no responsibility or liability for the provider's coding decisions. Össur's coding suggestions rest on its best judgment and are subject to revision based on additional information or changes in the alpha-numeric system.

Connect® TF: The Claim

You should bill the Connect TF on the CMS-1500 or its electronic equivalent. In addition to the standard information, provide these details:

HCFA 1500

Box 19: Adjustable calibrated tensioning socket system; Thermoplastic elastomer socket comfort and rotation control; Untensioned/open socket circumference donning feature

Box 21: Appropriate ICD10 diagnosis code, provided by the treating physician
Box 24D: L5999

Electronic Claims

SV101-7 segment for HIPAA 5010A1 claims: Adjustable calibrated tensioning socket system; Thermoplastic elastomer socket comfort and rotation control; Untensioned/open socket circumference donning feature

Loop 2400 (line note), segment NTE02 (NTE01=ADD) of the ANSI X12N, version 5010A1 professional electronic claim format:

- Össur CONNECT TF
- Model number
- MSRP

Connect® TF: Documentation

Every patient has unique clinical needs. And every product offers unique clinical outcomes. Making sure that you map the two to each other is essential if you want (a) a happy and functioning patient, and (b) to process your claim successfully. The next checklist maps Connect TF's functional benefits to your patient's clinical needs to ensure that they're aligned.

Patient to Product Checklist

Patient Clinical Issue	Connect TF Function
☐ Insufficient strength or balance to stand while donning and doffing prosthesis.	"Open donning" feature • Allows patient to safely don prosthesis while sitting in a chair or on a bed due to patient's ability to temporarily expand the socket's circumference
☐ Skin breakdown resulting from too much skin tension in socket	"Open donning" feature • Permits normal tissue position inside socket without over-stretching
☐ Poor eyesight and/or impaired cognition prevents effective donning of current socket	"Open donning" features and Pre-set tensioning system • Permits patient to feel when socket is oriented correctly and adjust as needed
☐ Insufficient hand strength and dexterity to don prosthesis.	Pre-set Tensioning system • Permits patient to consistently achieve a safe and comfortable fit with the integrated tensioning system
☐ Instability caused by socket rotation around residual limb	Thermoplastic elastomer socket rotation control mechanism • Permits patient to maintain safe and stable rotation control of the prosthesis, reducing instability and fear of falling
☐ Pinching and pressure in the groin area	"Open donning" features, Pre-set tensioning system and thermoplastic elastomer socket rotation control mechanism • Minimizes groin area pinching and pressure
☐ Discomfort when sitting	Thermoplastic elastomer socket comfort and rotation control • Permits patient to sit comfortably for extended periods while wearing prostheses, increasing overall daily wear time

Required Physician Documentation

Medicare has issued guidance to physicians detailing the type of documentation that they must include in their medical records in order for a patient to receive prosthetic or orthotic care. Medicare requires physicians to document the following findings for people with limb loss/difference:

- The patient's *current* functional capabilities, *expected* functional potential, and an explanation for the *difference* between the two if there is one.

  NOTE: For individuals with limb loss, functional capabilities are described by 5 "K-levels." The physician's notes must contain patient-specific information supporting K-level designation (see the FUNCTIONAL LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS section in the Lower Limb Prostheses Policy Article for an expanded list of K-level specific activities).

  K0: Cannot walk/transfer - would not benefit from a prosthesis

  K1: Ability or potential to use prosthesis for walking/transfers in the home only

  K2: Ability or potential to use prosthesis for limited community walking

  K3: Ability or potential to use prosthesis for variable cadence walking in the community without limitation

  K4: Ability or potential to use prosthesis beyond basic ambulation (e.g., child, active adult, or athlete).

- The patient's motivation to ambulate.
- Other ambulatory assistance currently used, if any
- Description of ADL's and how they are impacted by the identified deficits
- Musculoskeletal exam (arm and leg strength/ROM)
- Neurological exam
  - Gait
  - Balance and coordination

In addition, if the physician has reviewed the prosthetist's medical record for their mutual patient and is in agreement with his/her findings, a statement of concurrence with the prosthetist's findings is both appropriate and helpful in ensuring that their mutual patient receives timely and appropriate prosthetic care.

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