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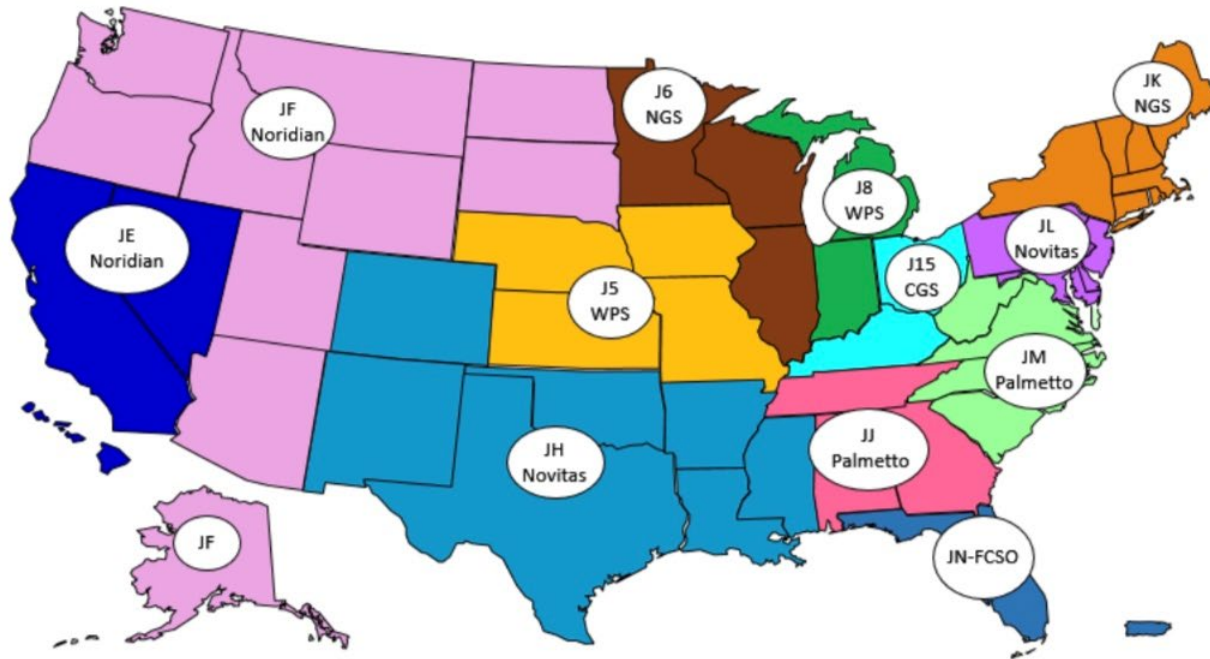
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Chronicity

- Fails to show evidence of healing by contraction and advancement of epithelial margins following 4 weeks of optimization
- The fundamental basis for non-healing of a wound is of paramount importance and must be corrected prior to consideration of additional therapy

These are for.....

.....wound and skin closure when standard or conservative measures have failed

”Failed Response”

- Failed to respond to documented appropriate wound-care measures
 - Has increased in size or depth
 - Has not changed in baseline size or depth
- AND
- Has no indication that improvement is likely

A Note on FDA Indication Versus Payer Coverage

Must have measurements

- Length
- Width
- Depth
- Stage

Suggested Documentation:

- Clean and free of necrotic debris or exudate
- Medical management for diabetes when diabetes present
- Comorbidities and what is being done to address each
- Duration of ulcer
- Time under your care

Tobacco

Suggested documentation

- Why the wound has failed to respond to standard wound care
- What interventions failed
- Med list
- PMH
- Explanation of product and why it was selected
- Risks and complications of the procedure
- Smoking cessation efforts

Suggested documentation

- Free of infection
- Free of necrosis
- No osteomyelitis
- Conditions that have been treated and resolved prior to the institution of skin substitute therapy

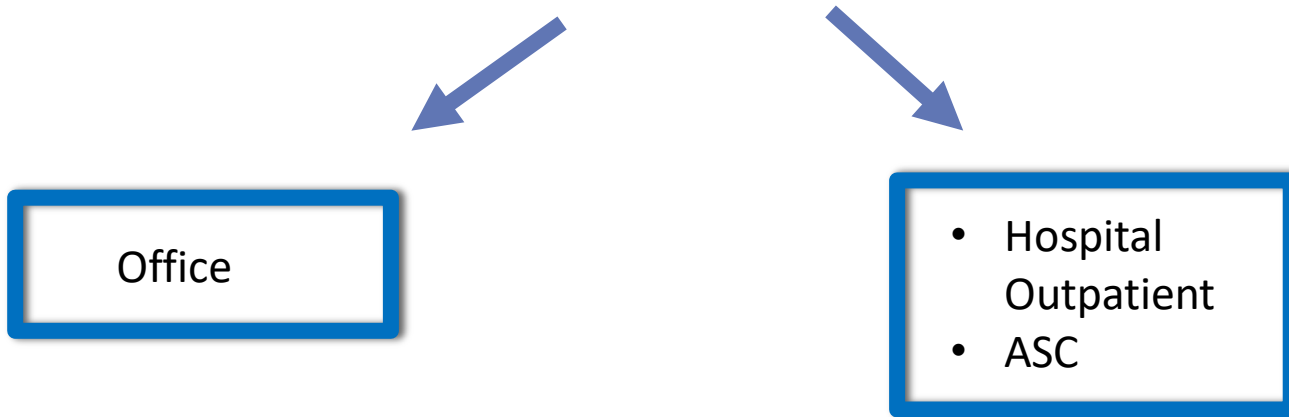
Suggested documentation

- What has been done for edema / stasis
- Debridement performed
- Offloading

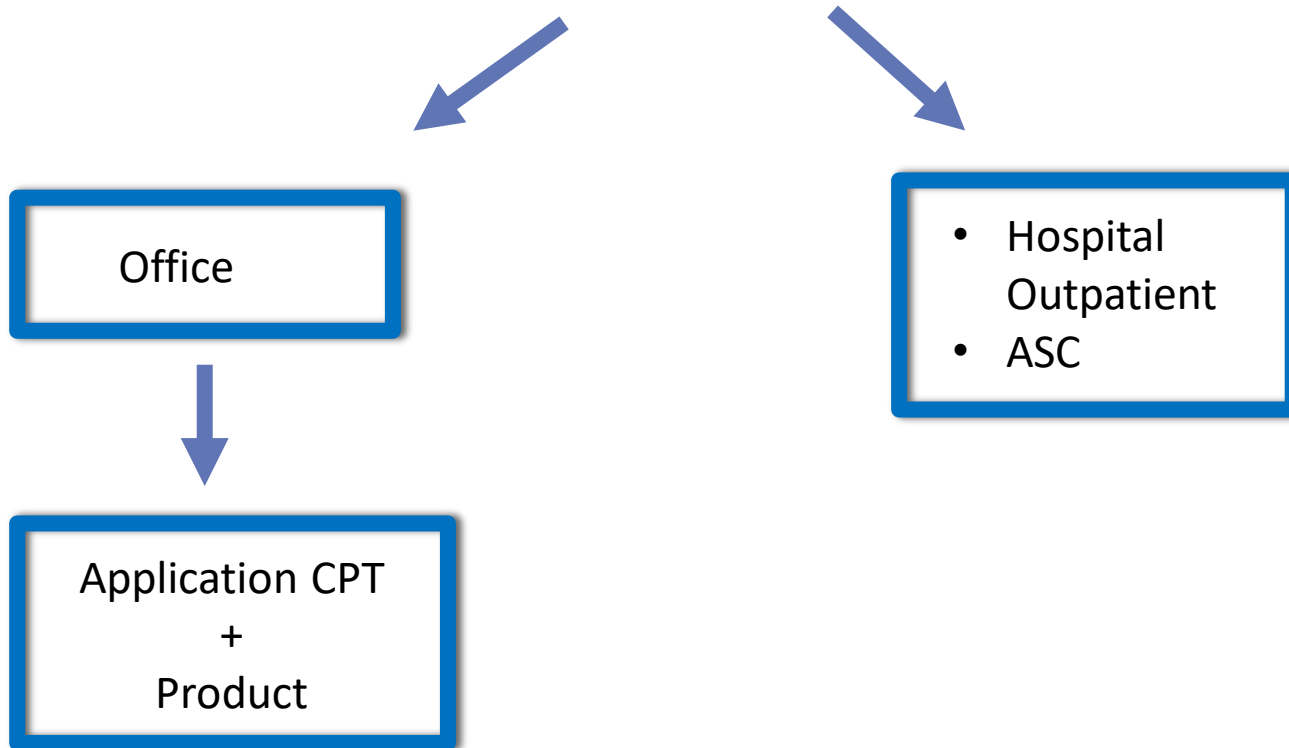
Suggested documentation

- HbA1c
- Arterial studies

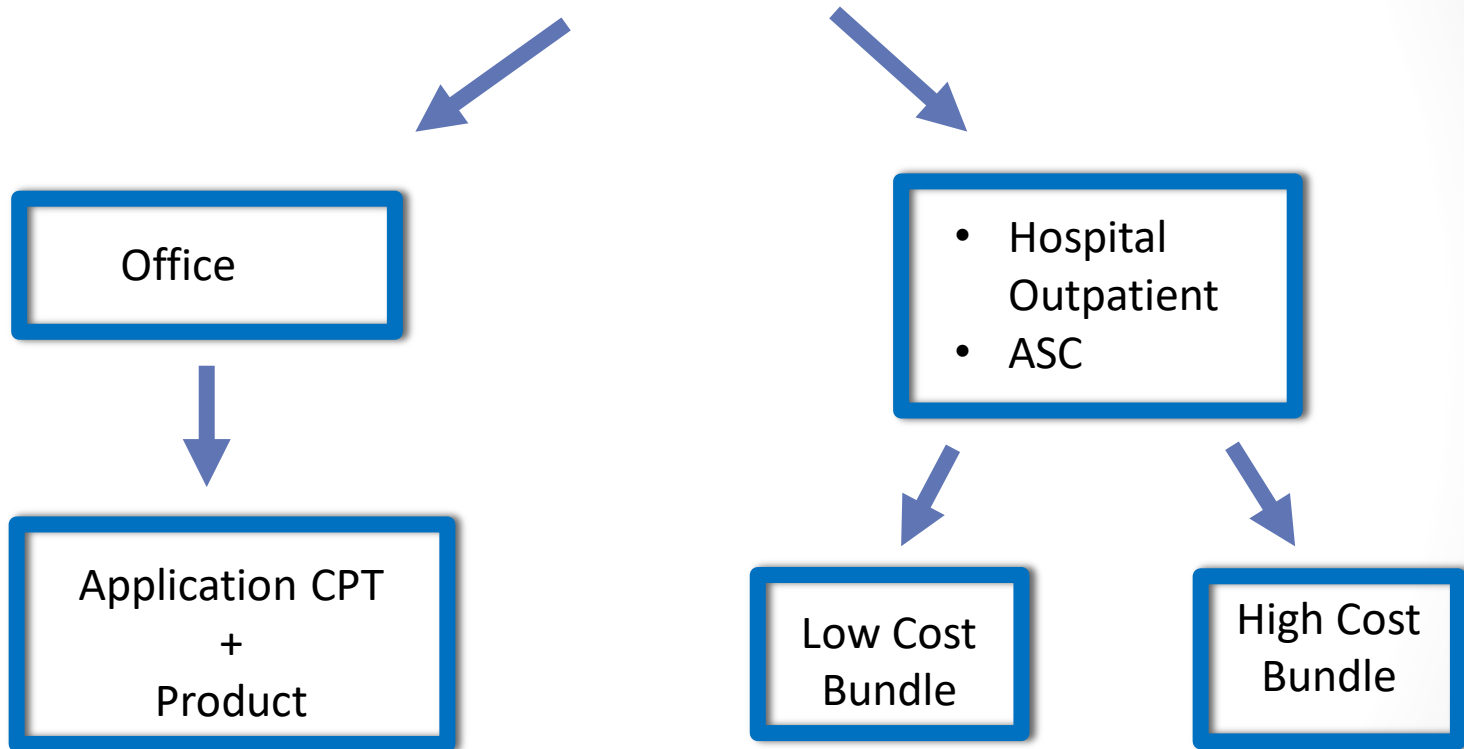
Skin sub / CTP Coding



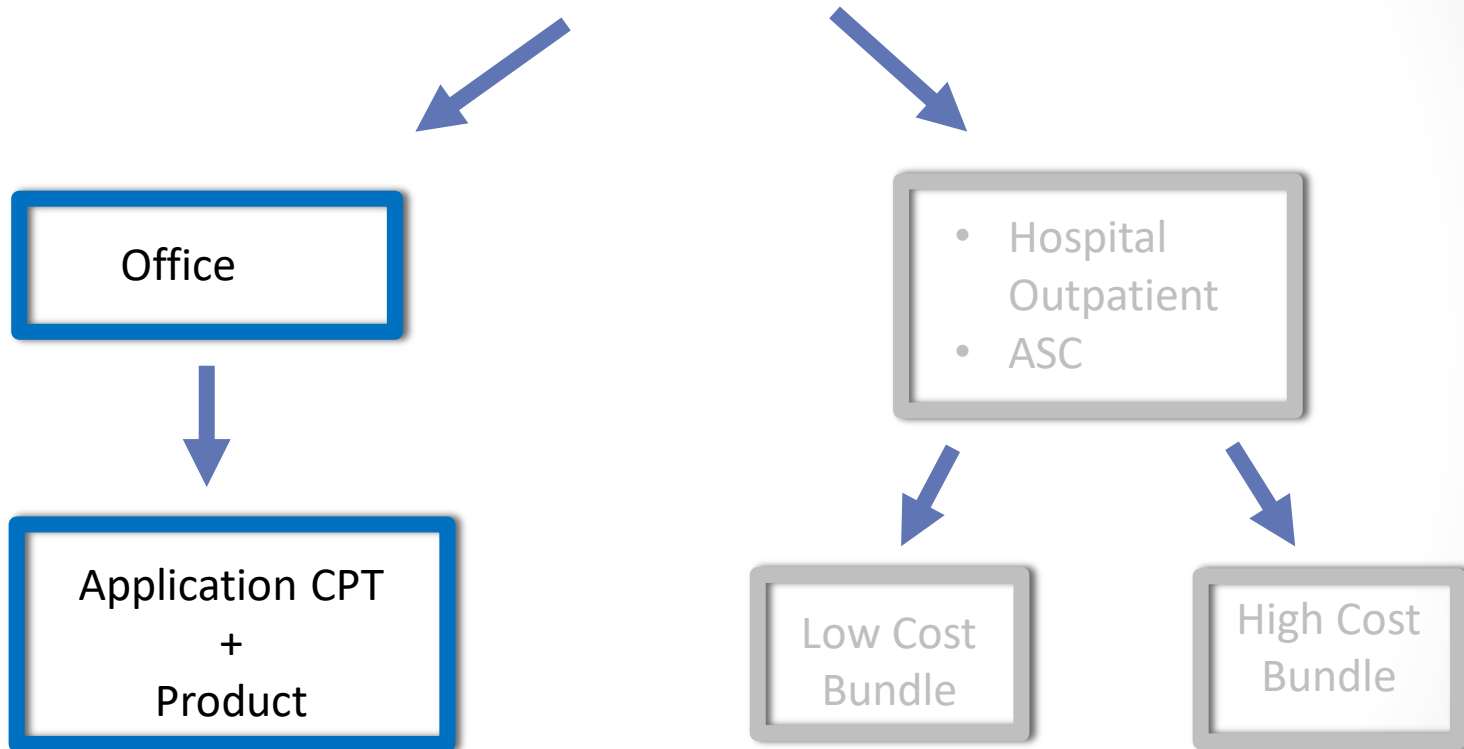
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CPT® 15271

- **Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; first 25 sq cm or less wound surface area**

CPT 15272

- **Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; each additional 25 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- **Add-on code**

Example

- **CTP to 78 sq cm of leg**
- **CPT 15271**
- **CPT 15272 X 3 units**

CPT 15273

- **Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; first 100 sq cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children**

CPT 15274

- **Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- **Add-on code**

CPT 15275

- **Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; first 25 sq cm or less wound surface area**

CPT 15276

- **Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; each additional 25 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- **Add-on code**

CPT 15277

- **Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; first 100 sq cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children**

CPT 15278

- **Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**
- **Add-on code**

Product Coding

- **Product code, Q code**

Product Coding

- **Two lines:**
 - **Number of units used**
 - **Number of units wasted – JW Modifier**

Product Coding - Example

- **A 6.25 sq. cm. piece of CTP is used to cover a 5 sq. cm. foot ulcer**
- **CPT 15275**
- **Q4xxx 5 units**
- **Q4xxx 2 units - JW**

CPT C5274

- **Facility**
- **Application of low cost skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)**

Preparation Codes

- **Surgical preparation codes 15002-15005 for skin replacement surgery describe the initial services related to preparing a clean and viable wound surface for placement of a skin substitute graft or for negative pressure wound therapy.**

CPT 15002

- Surgical preparation or creation of recipient site **by excision** of open wounds, burn eschar, or scar (including subcutaneous tissues), or incisional release of scar contracture, trunk, arms, legs; first 100 sq cm or 1% of body area of infants and children

CPT 15003

- **Add-on code**
- **Surgical preparation or creation of recipient site by excision of open wounds, burn eschar, or scar (including subcutaneous tissues), or incisional release of scar contracture, trunk, arms, legs; each additional 100 sq cm, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (add-on code)**

CPT 15003 - Example

- Prepare 250 sq cm of leg
- CPT 15002
- CPT 15003 X 2 units

CPT 15004

- **Surgical preparation or creation of recipient site by excision of open wounds, burn eschar, or scar (including subcutaneous tissues), or incisional release of scar contracture, face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet and/or multiple digits; first 100 sq cm or 1% of body area of infants and children**

CPT 15005

- **Add-on code**
- **Surgical preparation or creation of recipient site by excision of open wounds, burn eschar, or scar (including subcutaneous tissues), or incisional release of scar contracture, face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet and/or multiple digits; each additional 100 sq cm, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (add-on code)**



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