

	ICD-9 Codes
Primary Focal Hyperhidrosis	705.21
Secondary Focal Hyperhidrosis	705.22
Generalized Hyperhidrosis	780.8

Medical Insurance Claim Statement

Patient Name:

Insurance ID

Date: _____

DIAGNOSIS: Hyperhidrosis (abnormally high levels of excessive sweat) of palms of the hands and/or soles of the feet.

ANCILLARY MANIFESTATION: Extreme anxiety with condition; secondary medical condition (dermatitis, eczema, infection); occupational handicap.

AVAILABLE TREATMENT METHODS;

- 1) Iontophoresis. Iontophoresis makes use of an electronic medical device that generates a DC current for application to the affected areas (hands or feet). The patient uses a galvanic medical device to deliver current to the eccrine sweat ducts of the palms or soles. A series of treatments results in the development of hyperkeratotic plugs within the sweat ducts leading to pore closure. This results in a reduction in sweating. Since this reduction is temporary, retreatment at one to three week intervals is necessary. [CPT code 97033]
- 2) BOTOX® injections
- 3) Surgery (sympathectomy)

MEDICAL RECOMMENDATION: RA Fischer Corporation manufactures an iontophoretic device (MD1A) for self-treatment of the hands and/or feet. Iontophoresis with the Fischer device is an economical solution to the medical problem of hyperhidrosis (\$675 for the iontophoresis device vs. \$5,000.00 or more for a sympathectomy). More importantly, surgery has attendant and prohibitive side effects such as Horner's syndrome, compensatory hyperhidrosis and gustatory sweating.

PROGNOSIS: Generally, the condition is chronic with a possible improvement later in life and therefore the need for the device would be indefinite.

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE

References:

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- 3)Stolman LP, Treatment of hyperhidrosis: J Drug Dermat; 2(5), 521-527, 2003.

For more information about hyperhidrosis, visit the International Hyperhidrosis Society at www.SweatHelp.org.