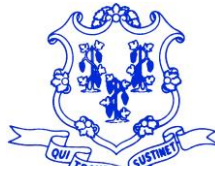


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Manisha Juthani, M.D., Commissioner
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue
Hartford 06134

RE: Podiatric Scope of Practice Expansion Panel

Dear Commissioner Juthani,

Please see below information regarding the Podiatric Scope of Practice Expansion Panel.

DEFINITION:

Primary Total Ankle Replacement (TAR) is considered the replacement of the tibial and/ or talar component(s) and not as replacing the polyethylene or removing all components and performing a fusion.

This document and the criteria are not inclusive of or applicable to the Revision of a Total Ankle Replacement. These criteria shall be utilized for hospital eligibility only.

PROCESS AND CRITERIA:

A podiatrist seeking credentialing from hospitals for Primary Total Ankle Replacement will have to fulfil the following criteria. All 3 criteria must be fulfilled.

1. 30 cases – Direct surgical interventions as a primary surgeon on ankles fusions and/or fractures.

2. A: If a podiatrist has less than 10 years of post-training practice, they must have been a first assist on 10 TAR surgeries with a doctor who already has credentials to do TAR.
OR B: If a provider has 10 or more years of post-training experience, they must be first assist on 5 TAR surgeries with a doctor who already has credentials for TAR.

3. Appropriate TAR Course in the device being used is required.

Once all three of the above 3 criteria are fulfilled, the podiatrist will submit the details of their fulfillment of criteria to both the Department of Public Health and to the Hospital/ Health Care System where they are applying for privileges. The hospitals are expected to review the application and validate the information and make the decisions as per their by-laws.

For a podiatrist granted hospital privileges to perform total ankle replacement surgery in accordance with the protocol developed under the Public Act, they may submit information to DPH that the hospital has granted them such privilege. The Practitioner Licensing Section will then add a note to their profile on license indicating that the podiatrist holds such privileges and the name of the hospital(s) where they have the privileges. This would not be a validation of the podiatrist meeting the protocol.



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