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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Per Dr Burden, Response letter above. Cleared 10/3/08 after attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10-7-08</i>
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Re: Joyce Johnson  
ID# 1780154735

Dear Dr. Burton,

Ms. Johnson is a 59-year-old female initially seen by me on July 16, 2008 at the request of Dr. Marshall Kalinsky for evaluation of left leg ulcer. She has pain and swelling in her lower legs. She was placed at that time in appropriate compression stockings to try and hopefully give her some relief of pain and swelling. A venous ultrasound was performed which revealed reflux disease in both legs. She was seen again in my office on August 12. She continues to have pain and swelling in the legs as well as a left lower extremity ulcer. She has not received any relief with use of the stockings prescribed. I have recommended that she undergo endovenous ablation of the greater saphenous vein in the left leg. She also may need phlebectomy performed as well.

As this service, endovenous ablation of a varicose vein (CPT 36475) is not a covered service by Medicaid, I am asking that you consider approval of this service for Ms. Joyce Johnson as I do feel it will benefit her venous disease and help heal her ulceration.

We will await your response. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Edward C. Morrison M.D.*

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JUL 16 2008

11/08/1948

BP

PULSE

TEMP

ALLERGIES

**PLEASE SEE HANDWRITTEN AND DICTATED H&P FORM IN CHART**

**JOHNSON, Joyce M. 73511**  
08/12/2008

Dr. Edward C. Morrison

Ms. Johnson returns today for follow up of her venous disease. She states that she has not gotten much better. She has been wearing her stockings now for a long period of time. She has a left lower extremity ulcer.

As documented on my first office visit of 07/16/2008. She has been wearing stockings for a long time. She has gotten these from her primary care physician, Dr. Tabor.

**PHYSICAL EXAM:** Her leg remains swollen and tender. There is ulceration over the medial to distal gaiter region. It is hyperpigmented.

**DATA:** Noninvasive studies are reviewed with her. She clearly has significant saphenous vein reflux. Her noninvasive studies show significant reflux in the left lower extremity greater saphenous vein.

**IMPRESSION:** I do not think this lady is going to get much better without something directly done for her veins.

**PLAN:** I have explained to her as well that she is a Medicaid beneficiary and we will have to petition them directly for consideration of VNUS Closure. I will ask our insurance department to do this. Edward C. Morrison, M.D./hma

**JORDAN, Robert J. 71541**  
08/15/2008

Dr. Edward C. Morrison

CHART UPDATE

I have discussed this case with the patient. He continues to have painful, raised varicosities in the back of his calf. These have gotten no relief since his VNUS Closure. The veins in the anterior thigh got significant decompression. These veins remain painful. They are swollen. They are protruding.

I have explained to this patient that this needs to have direct intervention with phlebectomy and I think this is his best option. Edward C. Morrison, M.D./hma

cc Tanya Read (Faxed to office 8/21/2008 1:40 PM)

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JOHNSON, Joyce 73511  
07/16/2008  
ROPER HEART AND VASCULAR CENTER

Dr. Edward C. Morrison  
(Dr. Kalinsky)

~~Edward C. Morrison, M.D.~~  
~~Thomas C. Appleby, M.D.~~  
~~Dr. P. Kevin Beach, M.D.~~

Patient Name: Joyce Johnson Today's Date: 7/16/08

Medical Record #: 73511 Patient seen at the request of: Dr. Kalinsky

Primary Care Physician: Dr. Tabor

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

CC: \_\_\_\_\_

### HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

Ms. Johnson is a new patient seen at this time for evaluation of a left leg ulcer. She basically is in a wheelchair. Dr. Kalinsky sent her. Dr. Tabor is her primary care physician. She is chronically disabled with diabetes. She does not smoke. She states that she has been hospitalized for problems with her diabetes and inability to walk.

She also gives a history of being obese. She states that she was hospitalized at the Medical University for renal failure in the last year, but got better. She has had no new problems.

She has had the development of blisters and pain and swelling in the lower legs. It is in the medial gaiter region. It has gotten to where it hurts day and night. She has tried all sorts of therapy for this including elevation and stockings she has bought over-the-counter. She has not gotten any better and she wants to know what can be done about it. Her legs hurt. They ache. They itch. This has been going on for over a year. She denies DVT in the past. She has had this pain for a while.

Varicose Veins with Symptoms: ☐ Aching ☐ Dilated ☐ Itching ☐ Tortuous vessels of ☐ Right  
☐ Left Leg ☐ Swelling during activity or after prolonged standing

History: Symptoms began \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ weeks ☐ months ☐ years ago

Conservative Therapy: \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) trial of ☐ Compression Stockings  
☐ Mild Exercise  
☐ Periodic Leg Elevation  
☐ Weight Reduction

#73611

Patient: Johnson, Joyce

Date 11/6/08

ROS: Circle pertinent symptoms. Line through pertinent negatives

Const: Malaise - Fatigue - Wt loss/gain - Appetite - Fever - Night Sweats - Obese

Eyes: Blindness or blind spots - Vision Change - Blurring - Glaucoma

ENT: Vertigo - Deafness - Tinnitus - Epistaxis - Sinusitis - Hoarseness - Dysphagia - Odynophagia

Resp: SOB - DOE - PND - Orthopnea - Wheezing - Cough - Hemoptysis - Hx TB/+PPD

Cardiac: Angina - MI - Murmur - Palpitations - Pedal Edema

Vascular: Arm Fu - TIA, Claudication - Rest Pain - Ulcers - DVT - Phlebitis - AAA

Veins: DVT - Phlebitis - Ulcer - Previous Operation - Injection - Stocking use

GI: Abd Pain - NV - PUD - GERD - Constipation - Diarrhea - Melena - BRBPR - Bowel Changes

GU: Nocturia - Dysuria - Pyuria - Hematuria - Urgency - Frequency - Decreased Stream

MS: Weakness - Pain - Joint Pain - ↓ ROM - Swelling - Gout - Arthritis

Hem/Lymph: Anemia - Bruising - Bleeding - Transfusion nodes - Malignancy

Endo: Thyroid problems - Goiter - DM - Heat/cold intolerance - Polydipsia - Polyuria

Skin: Rash - Lesion/Mole - 7-10 Ulcer

Breast: Lumps - Nipple Retraction/Discharge - Skin changes - Breast Pain

Psych: Anxiety - Memory Loss - Depression - Nervousness - Hallucinations

Neuro: Headache - Numbness - Dizziness - CVA/stroke - Syncope - Seizures - Weakness - Aphasia

Imm: Allergy - Asthma - Hay Fever

Exercise Tolerance

☐ All Other Systems Negative

Allergies:

Medications: ☐ See attached list

gout synthroid thyroxine  
gluc cellce  
aspirin prevacid  
ASD HCTZ  
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# 73911

Patient: Johnson, Joyce

Date: 11/6/08

Chest:

☒ No masses, lumps, or tenderness

☐ Existing Catheter

☐ Previous Catheter

Breast:

☒ Negative exam with no masses, tenderness, or discharge

Abdomen:

☒ No masses or tenderness

☐ Liver and spleen non-tender

☐ Soft; nondistended

Musco:

☒ Normal Gait

☐ Extremities intact

Extremities: ☐ No clubbing, cyanosis, or edema

Skin:

☐ No rashes, lesions, or ulcers

Neuro:

☐ Alert and oriented x 3 ☐ No motor or sensory deficit

DATA:

### IMPRESSION:

This lady appears to have venous stasis disease. She has more advanced lipodermatosclerosis as I suspect that she would, based on her history. She is not able to walk because of pain in this region.

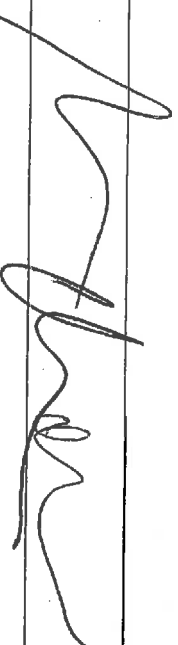
### PLAN:

I will place her in appropriate stockings. In addition we will need to get Vascular Lab studies to document her level of reflux. I do think she needs to take a very aggressive stance at trying to turn this situation around. Otherwise, she is going to be disabled. Edward C. Morrison, M.D./ma

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Provider Signature:



Patient told to follow up pm and/or:

month(s)

wk(s)

days

pc: Dr.



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## Lower Venous Duplex Scan

Patient Name: JOHNSON, JOYCE	Study Date: 7/23/2008	Time: 5:00:29 PM
DOB: 11/8/1948	Age: 59	Gender: Female
Referring Phy: EDWARD C. MORRISON, MD	MR/Case#: 73511	Lab: COASTAL SURGICAL ASSOCIATES
Indication: Edema/Pain	Examiner: Tosti, Liberty, RVT	

### CONCLUSION/SUMMARY:

NEGATIVE EXAM FOR DEEP OR SUPERFICIAL VEIN THROMBOSIS BILATERALLY.  
POSITIVE EXAM FOR RIGHT LOWER EXTREMITY VEIN REFLUX IN THE FEMORAL SYSTEM, PTVS AND GSV.  
NEGATIVE EXAM FOR PERFORATOR REFLUX.  
POSITIVE EXAM FOR LEFT LOWER EXTREMITY VEIN REFLUX IN THE FEMORAL SYSTEM AND GSV.  
NEGATIVE EXAM FOR PERFORATOR REFLUX.

Edmon M  
Date 7.24/08





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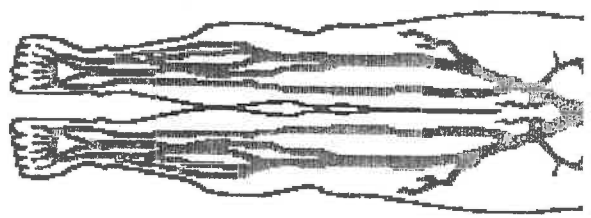
DM, OBESITY, HYPOTHYROIDISM

#### INDICATION:

BILATERAL LOWER EXTREMITY EDEMA

#### TECHNOLOGIST NOTES:

#### Summary of Vascular Findings



#### Impression/Recommendation:

BILATERAL LOWER EXTREMITY VENOUS DUPLEX EXAMINATION OF THE FEMORAL SYSTEM, POPLITEAL, PTVs, GSV AND PERFORATOR VEINS COMPLETED WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

##### RIGHT:

NEGATIVE EXAM FOR DEEP OR SUPERFICIAL VEIN THROMBOSIS. POSITIVE EXAM FOR REFLUX IN THE FEMORAL SYSTEM, PTVs AND GSV. THE GSV DIAMETER MEASURES: JUNCTION 0.75CM, PRX THIGH 0.59CM, MID 0.44CM, DIST THIGH 0.37CM, PRX CALF 0.32CM, MID 0.26CM, DIST CALF 0.24CM. A GSV BRANCH AT MID THIGH LEVEL CAN BE FOLLOWED SUPERFICIALLY TO THE PROXIMAL CALF WHERE IT REJOINS THE TRUE GSV. A LARGE PERFORATOR MEASURES 0.31CM, HOWEVER REFLUX CANNOT BE DEMONSTRATED.

##### LEFT:

NEGATIVE EXAM FOR DEEP OR SUPERFICIAL VEIN THROMBOSIS. POSITIVE EXAM FOR REFLUX IN THE FEMORAL SYSTEM AND GSV. THE GSV MEASURES: JUNCTION 0.59CM, PRX THIGH 0.57CM, MID 0.32CM, DIST THIGH 0.39CM, PRX CALF 0.26CM; THE DIAMETER DIMINSHES DISTALLY DUE TO MULTIPLE VESSEL BRANCHES. NO REFLUXING PERFORATORS WERE VISUALIZED.



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October 3, 2008

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RE: Joyce Johnson  
ID# 1780154735

Dear Dr. Morrison,

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. Endovenus ablation is clinically appropriate and medically necessary for this Medicaid beneficiary. It appears that conservative therapy has not relieved her symptoms and the leg ulcer is certainly concerning. I will communicate this to a staff colleague at the SC Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS] so that you can proceed with this care. Please attach a copy of this letter to your hard copy claim so that the "non-covered edit" can be overridden and allow you to be paid for this service. This will include the phlebectomy if necessary.

Thank for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for SC Medicaid beneficiaries. If you have any difficulty please do not hesitate to call me at 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. Marion Burton".

O. Marion Burton, MD  
Medical Director

OMB/mfs

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