

Dates to Remember:

Applications with case submission list are due by: 1/15/2022

Applications without case submission are due by: 1/15/2022

Preparation of Cases: 1/18/2022-2/1/2022

CAQ Exam: 3/10/2022

Description of Categories for CAQ Case Submission

A. Infection Diagnosis and Medical Management

1. Demonstrate through documentation the appropriate use of soft tissue or bone culture and documented reasoning for antibiotic management
2. Documentation Requirements: Include follow up visits until the infection is documented as resolved

B. Infection Surgical Peri-op Management

1. Demonstrate through documentation surgical management of an infection through incision and drainage, resection, or partial foot amputation
2. Documentation Requirements: Single encounter or operative report

C. Offloading Medical Management

1. Demonstration through documentation the appropriate use of a total contact cast or other appropriate offloading implements to heal a foot ulcer.
2. Documentation Requirements: Include at least 4 successive visits with ulcer LxWxD precisely documented.

D. Offloading Surgical Peri-op Management

1. Demonstrate through documentation surgical management of offloading to heal or prevent a foot ulcer such as tendo-Achilles lengthening, corrective toe surgeries, tenotomies, metatarsal head resection, or Charcot foot reconstruction.
2. Documentation Requirements: Single encounter or operative report

E. Offloading Prevention of Ulcers

1. Demonstrate through documentation the use of prescriptive footwear or bracing to prevent a foot ulcer or recurrence.
2. Documentation Requirements: Single encounter that includes the rationale for the device and the prescription or treatment plan

F. Debridement

1. Demonstrate through documentation the use of serial debridement for wound care
2. Documentation Requirements: Include at least 4 successive visits with ulcer LxWxD precisely documented.

G. Skin Substitute Application and Appropriate Usage

1. Demonstrate through documentation wound bed preparation and appropriate application of a skin substitute (cellular or tissue-based product) to accelerate wound healing
2. Documentation Requirements: Include at least 4 successive visits with ulcer LxWxD precisely documented.

H. Peripheral Artery Disease Testing

1. Demonstrate through appropriate ordering or performance of a non-invasive vascular study, such as ABI, TBI, skin perfusion pressure, PVR waveforms, or TcPO2.
2. Documentation Requirements: The study results are documented and discussed.

I. Imaging

1. Demonstrate through documentation proper use of advanced imaging (MRI, bone scan, PET scan) to aid in the diagnosis or exclusion of osteomyelitis or Charcot foot.
2. Documentation Requirements: Single encounter that includes the radiology report

J. Collaborative Care

1. Demonstrate through documentation proper collaborative care with another specialist (vascular surgeon, infectious disease, rheumatology, endocrinology) to aid in the management of a patient.
2. Documentation Requirements: Document the referral to the specialist and the correspondence from the specialist with any change in the treatment plan.