

## **Dates to Remember:**

Applications with case submission list are due by: 11/20/2018

Applications without case submission are due by: 12/14/2018

Preparation of Cases: 11/30 thru 12/21/2018

Results posted: 1/22/2019

CAQ Exam: 3/8/2019

## **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 TcPO<sub>2</sub>.
  - 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.