



Medica Central Coverage Policy

Policy Name: Computerized Dynamic Posturography MP9696

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Important Information – Please Read Before Using This Policy

These services may or may not be covered by all Medica Central plans. Coverage is subject to requirements in applicable federal or state laws. Please refer to the member's plan document for other specific coverage information. If there is a difference between this general information and the member's plan document, the member's plan document will be used to determine coverage. With respect to Medicare, Medicaid, and other government programs, this policy will apply unless these programs require different coverage.

Members may contact Medica Customer Service at the phone number listed on their member identification card to discuss their benefits more specifically. Providers with questions may call the Provider Service Center. Please use the Quick Reference Guide on the Provider Communications page for the appropriate phone number. <https://mo-central.medica.com/Providers/SSM-employee-health-plan-for-IL-MO-OK-providers>

Medica Central coverage policies are not medical advice. Members should consult with appropriate health care providers to obtain needed medical advice, care, and treatment.

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Computerized dynamic posturography is investigative and unproven, and therefore **NOT COVERED**. There is insufficient reliable evidence in the form of high quality peer-reviewed medical literature to establish the efficacy or effects on health care outcomes.

Description

The human body uses three sensory inputs to maintain proper balance: vestibular, somatosensory, and visual. These sensory inputs interact with the brain which then drive and control motor functions. Computerized dynamic posturography (CDP) is a test that attempts to quantify and differentiate among the wide variety of possible sensory, motor, and central adaptive impairments to balance control. Also known as moving platform posturography or equilibrium platform testing (EPT), CDP utilizes a moveable, dual forceplate platform and a moveable surround, both under the control of special computer software.

During CDP testing, the patient stands on the platform within the visual surround, supported by a safety harness. Standard test protocols record the patient's postural stability and motor reactions when exposed to support surface and visual surround movements. Test protocols include sensory organization tests (SOT), motor control tests (MCT), and adaptation tests (ADT). The SOT measures postural stability under six different sensory conditions, created by moving the support surface and the visual enclosure in response to the patient's postural movements. During the MCT and ADT, unexpected abrupt movements of the support surface provoke patient reactions. Because the measures of postural stability, as well as the motions of the support surface and visual surround, are precisely controlled and calibrated relative to the patient's height and weight, standardized graphical summaries can compare the patient's results to those of age-matched asymptomatic individuals.

CDP has been proposed for use in both diagnosis and treatment of balance disorders. Diagnostic purposes include differential diagnosis of balance disorders, determining the severity of balance



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problems, estimating prognosis, planning treatment, and assessing treatment progress. CDP may also be used in balance retraining.

FDA Approval

The EquiTest® (Neurocom International, Inc.), received 510(k) marketing clearance from the FDA in August 1985.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization is not applicable. Claims for this service are subject to retrospective review and denial of coverage, as investigative services are not eligible for reimbursement.

Coding Considerations

Use the current applicable CPT/HCPCS code(s). The following codes are included below for informational purposes only, and are subject to change without notice. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement.

CPT Codes:

- **92548** - Computerized dynamic posturography
- **92549** - Computerized dynamic posturography sensory organization test (CDP-SOT), 6 conditions (ie, eyes open, eyes closed, visual sway, platform sway, eyes closed platform sway, platform and visual sway), including interpretation and report; with motor control test (MCT) and adaptation test (ADT)

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