PATIENT HISTORY

- Current age
- Age at limb loss
- Amputation level and etiology
- Status of medical comorbidities related to the readiness for safe use of a prosthesis
- Emotional readiness
- Cognitive abilities related to the safe use of a prosthesis

EXAMINATION

- General description of cardiopulmonary status
- General description of unaffected limbs (scars, wound, edema, etc.)
- Specific description of limb to receive prosthesis (length, incision, readiness for prosthesis)

(continues on other side)
Address current functional problems and anticipated functional benefit of the device/plan recommended within the context of the patient’s medical comorbidities.

For example:
“this patient has a history of congestive heart failure (CHF), and the reduced cardiac function may limit mobility if not accommodated for with the prosthesis.”

“this patient has end stage renal disease on hemodialysis, and volume fluctuations may occur.”

“this patient has extensive arthritis in the right lower extremity, which should be considered with left AKA prosthetic use.”

Reference any discussions or evaluations from other healthcare providers used in making your determination.

“The above recommendations were formulated with input from the (prosthetist, etc.) who was also in agreement.”

Delineate your desired follow up for comorbidities that may impact function.

“Medical comorbidities will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis in coordination with the (prosthetist, etc)”.

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1Lower Limb Prosthetic Workgroup Consensus Document (Sept 2017), Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Health Technology Assessment