Suction Machine and Supplies

Documentation Required

❖ All insurance payers
  ▪ Prescription
  ▪ Medical record notes specifying medical necessity

❖ Medicaid
  ▪ Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN)

❖ Prescription requirements
  ✓ Start date
  ✓ Patient name
  ✓ Provider name
  ✓ Provider NPI (for Medicare recipients)
  ✓ Detailed description of item(s) prescribed
  ✓ Quantities needed per month
  ✓ ICD-10 code(s)
  ✓ Length of need
  ✓ Provider signature with credentials (for Medicare recipients)
  ✓ Provider signature date (in addition to start date of prescription for Medicare recipients)

Medical record for Medicare recipients must document

❖ Patient has difficulty raising and clearing secretions due to at least one of the following conditions:
  ▪ Cancer or surgery of throat or mouth
  ▪ Dysfunction of the swallowing muscles
  ▪ Unconsciousness or obtunded state
  ▪ Tracheostomy

❖ Frequency of use for supplies
  ▪ How often is the patient using suction?

Miscellaneous criteria for Medicare required

❖ Closed suction catheters are covered when all the following are met:
  ▪ Patient meets criteria for ventilator
  ▪ Patient has a tracheostomy tube
  ▪ Patient requires machine for suctioning tracheostomy tube

❖ Medicare considers 3 suction catheters per day as reasonable and necessary