

NCD for FLUIDIZED THERAPY Dry Heat for Certain Musculoskeletal Disorders (150.8)

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Outpatient Physical Therapy Services
Physicians' Services

Note: This may not be an exhaustive list of all applicable Medicare benefit categories for this item or service.

Coverage Topic

Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy

Item/Service Description

Fluidized therapy is a high intensity heat modality consisting of a dry whirlpool of finely divided solid particles suspended in a heated air stream, the mixture having the properties of a liquid.

Indications and Limitations of Coverage

Use of fluidized therapy dry heat is covered as an acceptable alternative to other heat therapy modalities in the treatment of acute or subacute traumatic or nontraumatic musculoskeletal disorders of the extremities.

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