

GG0130G. Lower Body Dressing

G. Lower body dressing: The ability to dress and undress below the waist, including fasteners; does not include footwear.

Assessment Timepoints

SOC/ROC:

- SOC/ROC performance.
- Discharge goal.

Discharge:

- Discharge performance.

Lower Body Dressing Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

Included:

- Clothing the patient routinely wears.
- Underwear, incontinence briefs, slacks, shorts, capri pants, pajama bottoms, and skirts.
- Knee brace, elastic bandage, stump sock/shrinker, lower-limb prosthesis.
- Permanently modified clothing selection/style.
- Management of buttons and/or fasteners.

Excluded:

- Any clothing or device that covers the foot and is considered footwear.

Coding Tips

Lower body dressing identifies the patient's need for assistance to dress and undress below the waist, including any assistance needed to manage buttons and/or fasteners. It does not include footwear.

Activity Performance Codes

- 06 – Independent.
- 05 – Setup or clean-up assistance.
- 04 – Supervision or touching assistance.
- 03 – Partial/moderate assistance.
- 02 – Substantial/maximal assistance.
- 01 – Dependent.

Coding Scenarios

Each row in the table below describes a lower body dressing scenario. In each scenario, statements 2 and 4 identify key elements that inform the coding of **GG0130G. Lower body dressing**. The correct code is provided at the end of each scenario.

Coding Scenarios for GG0130G. Lower Body Dressing

	Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3	Statement 4	Code
Scenario 1	Patient G. is required to follow hip precautions due to recent hip surgery and uses adaptive equipment to dress and undress. Patient G. lives with their spouse, Carol.	Carol retrieves Patient G.'s clothing. Patient G. threads their legs into the briefs and pants. When standing, Patient G. requires Carol to steady them so they can pull up the briefs and pants.	Carol assists Patient G. to put on their socks and shoes.	When undressing, Patient G. can manage removing their lower body clothing but requires Carol to steady them when they take off their pants.	Code 04
Scenario 2	Patient K. has a right below-knee amputation and upper/lower extremity peripheral neuropathy. Patient K. lives with their son, David.	Patient K. requires the assistance of David to place their right lower limb into a prosthesis. They are otherwise able to dress their lower body independently.	Once dressed, David assists them to walk to the kitchen.	Patient K. needs assistance from David to remove their lower limb from the prosthesis and then they are able to undress themselves without help.	Code 03
Scenario 3	Patient P. is recovering from a left lower leg fracture due to a motor vehicle accident. They have limited mobility and are non-weight-bearing on their left side. Patient P. lives with their spouse, Ken.	Patient P. is sitting on the side of the bed. Ken puts on their underwear and slacks. They stand, and Ken pulls them up. Patient P. adjusts them and fastens the button.	After dressing, Ken assists them into the bedside chair for breakfast.	When undressing, Patient P. unbuttons their slacks and loosens them from around their waist. Ken pulls down and removes their slacks.	Code 02

Additional Clinical Considerations

- Assess the patient's ability to put on and take off whatever clothing is routinely worn. If a patient modifies the clothing they wear due to a physical impairment, the modified clothing selection will be considered routine if there is no reasonable expectation that the patient could return to their previous style of dressing.
- The activity may be completed with or without the use of assistive device(s).
- If the patient needs assistance with lower body dressing, including assistance with fasteners, code according to the type and amount of assistance required to complete the ENTIRE lower body dressing activity.
- Coding of the dressing activities should consider relevant dressing items regardless of the *timing* of when each item is put on/taken off.
- If a patient dresses themselves except for donning an elastic support bandage, because it is to be put on later in the day or because assistance is needed to put on the support, code lower body dressing based on the type and amount of assistance needed to put on/take off all items relevant to the patient, including the elastic support bandage.