

# 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.

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## 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 and Examples

06 – Independent

05 – Setup or clean-up assistance

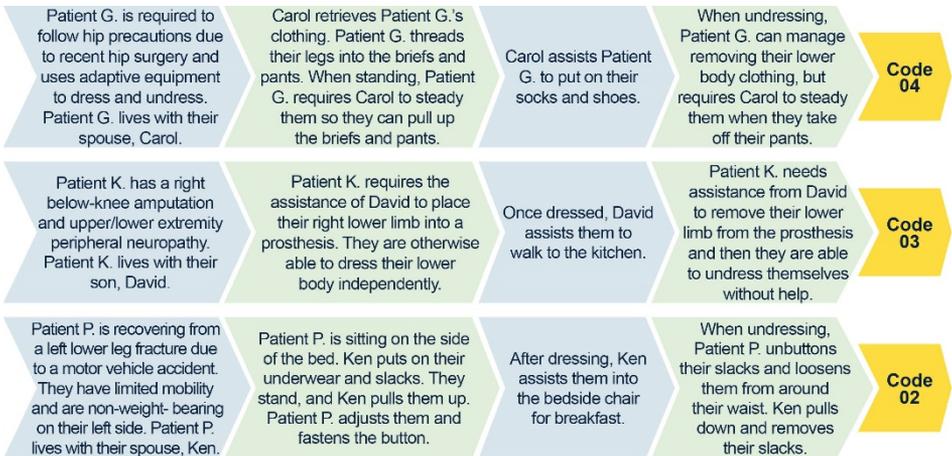
04 – Supervision or touching assistance

03 – Partial/moderate assistance

02 – Substantial/maximal assistance

01 – Dependent

Each series of arrows below describes a lower body dressing scenario. The green arrows in the second and fourth columns identify key elements of each scenario that inform the coding of **GG0130G. Lower body dressing**.



## 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.
  - o 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.