

Letter of Medical Necessity

Date: _____ To the Patient's insurance company representative: _____

Patient's Name: _____ Pt's DOB: _____

Patient's ID: _____ Pt's Diagnosis: _____

Physician: _____ Signature: _____

I am writing on behalf of the above patient for the purchase of the Apogee Dynamic Oxygen Delivery System by Dynaris.

Based on my evaluation of this medical device and review of the available literature, I am confident that the Dynaris Apogee is warranted and medically necessary. No substitutes exist that are less expensive or are therapeutically equivalent to provide this urgently needed therapy. What differentiates the Apogee System is its patented technology that matches the air flow of this patient's nasal cycle and other nasal conditions resulting in high unilateral nasal resistance. With the Apogee, duration of oxygen delivery will likely double, thus lowering prescription costs. This benefits the patient with the use of lighter and more manageable oxygen cylinders at often lower flow settings. Patients also report greater comfort with reduced nasal irritation.

The specific reasons for the Medical Necessity of the Apogee for this patient are:

- 1) Pt. requires very high liter flow settings (_____ LPM) to maintain an acceptable oxygen saturation level of _____. The only way this patient can travel outside the home is with large and bulky oxygen tanks with a short time duration. The efficiency of the Apogee provides similar saturation levels using much less oxygen. With the Apogee, this patient can use smaller and lighter oxygen tanks enabling a more active lifestyle and likely improving overall health outcomes.
- 2) Pt. has substantial pain or ulcerations in the nose due to oxygen flow to both nostrils. This makes it difficult for the patient to be compliant with the much-needed long term oxygen therapy. The Apogee, following the patient's nasal cycle only delivers oxygen to the open airway which allows the irritated and blocked side time to rest, rehydrate, and heal. The Apogee will therefore likely help the healing process and provide better patient adherence to the oxygen prescription.
- 3) Pt. is forced to stay home due to inefficiencies and waste from the oxygen device the patient is currently using. With the Apogee, the patient will: 1) be more mobile in the home; 2) be able to go on walks and exercise more; 3) go to doctor's visits and 4) in general, be more active. This will likely increase the patient's health outcomes, quality of life, and general wellbeing.
- 4) Pt. is depressed on the current oxygen therapy which limits activity and social interaction. The current device does not produce sufficient oxygen or last long enough due to wastage of oxygen. It is reasonable to expect the Apogee will greatly improve mobility and reduce depression.
- 5) Pt. has high unilateral nasal resistance due to a variety of reasons. By avoiding delivery to the blocked nasal passage, the Apogee decreases wastage of 50% of prescribed oxygen therapy over the current device. The Apogee will likely reduce the prescribed oxygen liter flow, provide a more consistent FiO2 for better health outcomes, lower cost of oxygen and increase patient mobility and wellbeing.

Please look at the Dynaris.com website or call our office for further questions.