

FIRST STEP DME INC.

RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION			SHIPPING METHOD: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHIP TO PATIENT'S HOME ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> SHIP TO PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN CLINIC
BRAZZELL _____ LAST NAME	CAROLINE _____ FIRST NAME	_____ MI	
FEMALE _____ GENDER	04/13/1950 _____ DATE OF BIRTH	3183084138 _____ PHONE NUMBER	
1115 OLE HWY 15 LOT 17 _____ ADDRESS	WEST MONROE _____ CITY	LA 71291 _____ STATE & ZIPCODE	

INSURANCE INFORMATION	
MEDICARE _____ PRIMARY INSURANCE	_____ SECONDARY INSURANCE
4QU7CC3NJ31 _____ MEMBER ID	_____ MEMBER ID

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION	
HUNTER HARRISON, MD _____ PHYSICIAN NAME	1205218393 _____ NPI #
200 PROFESSIONAL DR WEST MONROE LA 71291 _____ PRACTICE LOCATION	3189666535 / 3189666350 _____ PHONE NUMBER
	3183227319 _____ FAX NUMBER

PRESCRIPTION SELECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> L3670 – Shoulder Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Size:) <input type="checkbox"/> L3960 – Shoulder Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Size:) <input type="checkbox"/> L3660 – Shoulder Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Size:) <input type="checkbox"/> L0650 – Lumbar Brace (Waist:) <input type="checkbox"/> L0642 – Lumbar Brace (Waist:) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L0457 – Lumbar Brace (Waist: 20) <input type="checkbox"/> L0648 – Lumbar Brace (Waist:) <input type="checkbox"/> E0100 – Electric Heat Pad <input type="checkbox"/> L1690 – Hip Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Waist:) <input type="checkbox"/> L1686 – Hip Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Waist:) <input type="checkbox"/> L2624 – Hip Joint Adjustable Flexion, Extension (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) <input type="checkbox"/> L3760 – Elbow Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R)	<input type="checkbox"/> L3761 – Elbow Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Size:) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L3916 – Wrist Hand Finger (Side: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R) (Size: XL) <input type="checkbox"/> L3915 - Wrist Hand Finger (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Size:) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L1852 – Knee Brace (Side: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R) (Size: XL) <input type="checkbox"/> L1833 – Knee Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Size:) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L2397 – Knee Sleeve (Size: XL) (Qty: 2) <input type="checkbox"/> E0100 – Cane <input type="checkbox"/> L2425 – Dial Lock Hinge ROM <input type="checkbox"/> L2820 – Lower Extremity Ortho <input type="checkbox"/> L1971 – Ankle Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Shoe Size:) <input type="checkbox"/> L1906 – Ankle Brace (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R) (Shoe Size:) <input type="checkbox"/> L0174 – Cervical Brace <input type="checkbox"/> L3170 – Heel Stabilizer (Side: <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> R)

MEDICAL INFORMATION	
ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee <input type="checkbox"/> M25.512-Pain in the left shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> M25.511-Pain in the right shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> M25.552- Pain in Left Hip <input type="checkbox"/> M25.551- Pain in Right Hip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M25.532- Pain in left wrist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M25.531 - Pain in right wrist <input type="checkbox"/> M19.072- Osteoarthritis Left Ankle <input type="checkbox"/> M19.071- Osteoarthritis Right Ankle <input type="checkbox"/> M25.522 Pain in left elbow <input type="checkbox"/> M25.521 Pain in right elbow <input type="checkbox"/> M54.2-Cervicalgia Pain in Neck
Length of Need: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12+ months (long term) <input type="checkbox"/> ____ # of months (1-11)	

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MEDICAL HISTORY**Previous treatments: HEATING PAD**

Doctor's Notes: The patient reports chronic **LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST** pain for **SEVERAL YEARS**. Patient states pain is **THROBBING** with a pain scale of **8** and pain worsens with movements. Pain is caused by **WEAR AND TEAR** and is experienced **CONSTANTLY**. Previous treatments with heat, ice and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain level.

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE

Physician Verification: By my signature, I am prescribing the items listed above and certifying that the above-prescribed item(s) is medically indicated and necessary and consistent with current accepted standards of medical practice and treatment of this patient's physical condition.

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE: 

HUNTER HARRISON, MD

PHYSICIAN NAME: _____

DATE: _____

05/02/24

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Patient Name: **CAROLINE BRAZZELL**
Patient Address: **1115 OLE HWY 15 LOT 17 WEST MONROE LA 71291**
Patient Phone: **3183084138**

Physician Name: **HUNTER HARRISON, MD**
Address: **200 PROFESSIONAL DR WEST MONROE LA 71291**
Telephone: **3189666535 / 3189666350**
Fax: **3183227319**

Patient: **CAROLINE BRAZZELL**
Date of Birth: **04/13/1950**
Visit Date: **02/21/2024**
Reason for visit: **CHECK-UP**

Clinical Summary

Patient Demographics

Patient Name:	CAROLINE BRAZZELL	Date of Birth:	04/13/1950
Age:	74	Phone Number:	3183084138
Address:	1115 OLE HWY 15 LOT 17	City:	WEST MONROE
State:	LA	Zip Code:	71291
Gender:	FEMALE	Height:	5'6
Weight:	104	Waist Size	20

Patient Insurance

Provider:	MEDICARE	Member ID:	4QU7CC3NJ31
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Medications

Current Medication	GABAPENTIN, INSOMNIA PILLS, DEPRESSION PILLS, HEART PROBLEM PILLS, BABY ASPIRIN, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE PILLS, THYROID PILLS
Medical History	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, DEPRESSION & ANXIETY, HEART PROBLEM, RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, THYROID PROBLEM

Medical Diagnosis

The pain level was indicated on a scale of 1-10 as the following: 8
The patient's pain started on or around SEVERAL YEARS
The surgery addressed the following: NA
The pain is experienced CONSTANTLY
The patient has attempted the following previous treatments/therapies: HEATING PAD
The patient described their pain as the following: THROBBING
The activities that make the patient's pain worse is as follows: DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES
The pain is located in the patient's LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST
The patient's pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR
The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on 02/21/2024

Chief Complaint

The patient's main complaint is that they experience chronic pain located in the following location(s): LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST

Subjective Notes

The patient reports chronic LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST pain for SEVERAL YEARS. Patient states pain is THROBBING with a pain scale of 8 and pain worsens with movement. The pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR and is experienced CONSTANTLY. Previous treatments with heat, ice, and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain level.

Objective of Assessment (Review of Symptoms)

Patient has chronic pain for SEVERAL YEARS located in their LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST related to M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified, M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee, M25.532- Pain in left wrist, M25.531- Pain in right wrist. Patient has been to a physical therapist and hasn't had previous surgery to treat this pain.

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Patient's chronic pain is described **THROBBING** and occurs **CONSTANTLY**. The patient rated their pain on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the worst) on a level **8**. The following activities make the patient's pain worse: **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**. Patient needs a **BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST** Brace to provide support and reduce pain level.

Plan & Treatment Goals

Based on my evaluation of the patient's condition, I am ordering the following device(s) **L0457 (TLSO, FLEXIBLE, PROVIDES TRUNK SUPPORT, THORACIC REGION, RIGID POSTERIOR PANEL AND SOFT ANTERIOR APRON, EXTENDS FROM THE SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION AND TERMINATES JUST INFERIOR TO THE SCAPULAR SPINE, RESTRICTS GROSS TRUNK MOTION IN THE SAGITTAL PLANE, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS, INCLUDES STRAPS AND CLOSURES, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF), L1852 KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), SINGLE UPRIGHT, THIGH AND CALF, WITH ADJUSTABLE FLEXION AND EXTENSION JOINT (UNICENTRIC OR POLYCENTRIC), MEDIAL-LATERAL AND ROTATION CONTROL, WITH OR WITHOUT VARUS/VALGUS ADJUSTMENT, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF WHICH INCLUDES L2397 (ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY ORTHOSIS, SUSPENSION SLEEVE), L3916 (WRIST HAND ORTHOSIS, INCLUDES ONE OR MORE NONTORSION JOINT(S), ELASTIC BANDS, TURNBUCKLES, MAY INCLUDE SOFT INTERFACE, STRAPS, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF)**, including fitting and adjustment if needed. The patient has been instructed to wear the device daily, as needed. The benefits of this device, which is an alternative, non-invasive method to potentially relieve pain, has been explained to the patient who is interested in this treatment. Based on my assessment, I have determined it is medically necessary and appropriate to prescribe treatment today. For the patient's complaint, I am prescribing this device. The patient will benefit by helping her address any of the following: give support to weak muscles, improve patient's pain, improve patient's function, increase performance in activities of daily living, improve ambulation, reduce medications, slow degeneration, provide stability, provide support. Reduce pain by restricting the mobility of the trunk; reduce the risk of medical problems escalating the patient's present condition, facilitate healing following an injury or surgical procedure to the spine or related soft tissues; To support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine. If the patient's pain persists or worsens and/or there is an acute trauma or injury related to this pain, the patient agrees and understands to go to the Emergency Room or follow-up with their Primary Care Physician for further testing and imaging that may be immediately necessary.

ICD 10 (Diagnostic Codes)

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Agreements

We understand that you are choosing to use our professional medical services to receive a prescription for your new brace.

Physician Information

Provider Name: **HUNTER HARRISON, MD**

Address: **200 PROFESSIONAL DR WEST MONROE LA 71291**

Physician's Signature:



Date: **05/02/24**

Patient Name: **CAROLINE BRAZZELL**

Patient Address: **1115 OLE HWY 15 LOT 17 WEST MONROE LA 71291**

Patient Phone: **3183084138**

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LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: **CAROLINE BRAZZELL**
Orthotic Device Need Assessment
Exam Date: **05/01/2024**
Height: **5'6**
Weight: **215**
DOB: **04/13/1950**

Ms BRAZZELL is inquiring about utilizing orthotic bracing for his/her current conditions. His/her chief complaint at the time of this assessment is: **LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST.**

Ms BRAZZELL reports chronic **LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST** pain for **SEVERAL YEARS**. Patient states pain is **THROBBING** with a pain scale of 8 and pain worsens with **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**. Pain is experienced **CONSTANTLY**. Previous treatments with heat, ice, medication and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain levels.

Diagnosis includes: **M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified, M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee, M25.532- Pain in left wrist, M25.531- Pain in right wrist.** Based on my conversation with **Ms BRAZZELL** and evaluation of his/her condition, I am ordering the following: **L0457 (TLSO, FLEXIBLE, PROVIDES TRUNK SUPPORT, THORACIC REGION, RIGID POSTERIOR PANEL AND SOFT ANTERIOR APRON, EXTENDS FROM THE SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION AND TERMINATES JUST INFERIOR TO THE SCAPULAR SPINE, RESTRICTS GROSS TRUNK MOTION IN THE SAGITTAL PLANE, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS, INCLUDES STRAPS AND CLOSURES, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF), L1852 KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), SINGLE UPRIGHT, THIGH AND CALF, WITH ADJUSTABLE FLEXION AND EXTENSION JOINT (UNICENTRIC OR POLYCENTRIC), MEDIAL-LATERAL AND ROTATION CONTROL, WITH OR WITHOUT VARUS/VALGUS ADJUSTMENT, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF WHICH INCLUDES L2397 (ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY ORTHOSIS, SUSPENSION SLEEVE), L3916 (WRIST HAND ORTHOSIS, INCLUDES ONE OR MORE NONTORSION JOINT(S), ELASTIC BANDS, TURNBUCKLES, MAY INCLUDE SOFT INTERFACE, STRAPS, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF).**

Patient is ambulatory and has weakness of the **LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST** requiring stabilization for improvement of functionality. I am prescribing this **BACK, WRIST AND KNEE** orthosis for the following indication(s): to aid when the patient is **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**, to aid in stabilization of the **BACK, WRIST AND KNEE**. My treatment goal(s) for the use of the prescribed **BACK, WRIST AND KNEE** orthosis are: improvement in patient's function, improvement in patient's pain. The patient has been instructed to use the brace(s) daily, as needed.

Custom fitting of the orthosis is not required and the patient or an assisting caregiver can apply the prescribed orthotic device with minimal self-adjustment. **Ms BRAZZELL** has been provided a phone number to call if there are any additional comments or questions regarding this examination, and I have recommended that **Ms BRAZZELL** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

Re: **CAROLINE BRAZZELL..... DOB: APRIL 13, 1950**

I, **DR. HUNTER HARRISON, MD**, verify and confirm this order for the above-named patient, and certify that I have personally performed the assessment of the patient for the prescribed treatment and device and verify that it is reasonably and medically necessary, according to accepted standards of medical practice within the community, for this patient's medical condition.


DR. HUNTER HARRISON, MD
Signature

Date Signed: **05.02/24**

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Comprehensive Knee Laxity Test (Check All Applicable)

Objective Tests: (Check ALL applicable, a minimum of 2 tests is required for each knee with a brace prescribed.)

Caution: Advise Patients to stabilize themselves properly during any standing test to avoid a fall injury.

Pivot Shift Test (Stabilization to avoid fall advised for this test. Patient can stabilize themselves by holding onto a chair or kitchen counter.)

Positive: Patient knee gives out while pivoting or twisting indication joint laxity

Negative: Patient knee DOES NOT give out while pivoting or twisting.

LEFT:	Positive
RIGHT:	Positive

Cabot's Maneuver (figure of "4" knee bend)

Positive: Patient indicates lateral joint line pain, LCL instability and ligament laxity

Negative: Patient knee DOES NOT produce lateral knee pain

(Leave positive and negative both unchecked for the knee if did not perform this test on the knee.)

LEFT:	Positive
RIGHT:	Positive