



To whom it may concern,

I have been a Certified Wound Ostomy and Continence nurse since 2001 and a wound specialist since 1996. In my career I have seen and trialed many products and I have to say I am amazed at the results that I have been getting with the Helicoll product. I am writing to inform you of my complete support of Encoll's efforts to modify the HCPCS code for their acellular dermal replacement product, Helicoll.

I work in a long term acute care hospital that is paid perspective driven and the use of the Helicoll product has shortened patient length of stays, and healed faster which helped them mobilize sooner. I have seen this product granulate over a bone in one application—which for those familiar with skin substitutes is almost unheard of. Did I say that the wound was a Stage 4 pressure ulcer?

From a clinical perspective as well as a financial perspective, Helicoll is certainly unique. It is an effective product, as the science behind the patents and manufacturing process make it a unique Type 1 Collagen skin substitute. If you combine the clinical outcomes with the price points this product sells for in the marketplace, you have a product that must have its own unique Q code as soon as possible. This also provides a less expensive option for patients and facilities to utilize rendering positive outcomes.

Select Medical's Services focus on its mission to providing an exceptional patient care experience that promotes healing and recovery in a compassionate environment. We provide medical services and expertise across the continuum of care, from patients requiring a long-term, specialized stay, to athletes and employees needing help getting back on their feet. As a wound expert at Select Specialty Hospital, I am so grateful to see improved outcomes with the use of the Helicoll product and help out patients move on to better health. The Helicoll product will decrease surgical amputations, decrease surgical intervention for pressure ulcers and decrease cost to both the organization and payee.

Please consider Encoll's request for a timely HCPCS Q code assignment for Helicoll. The Helicoll product is innovative and unique and truly makes a difference in improving patient outcomes and needs to have a Q code. Expediting the Q code is necessary so that the product is more accessible to the people who need the help.

Thank you for your attention to this important endeavor, and to my request to expedite a Q code for Helicoll.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Locke MSN MBA CWOCN". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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