

Pressure Garments

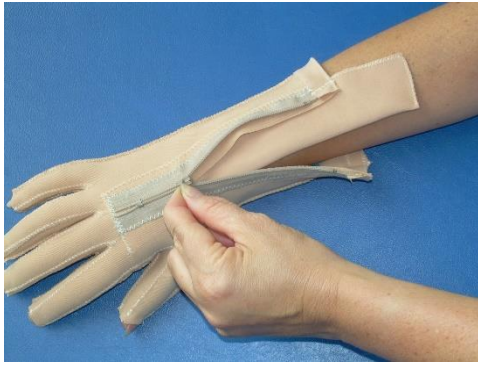
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Pressure garments

Your pressure garment is a:

Hand based glove with fingers ☐

Hand and forearm glove ☐

Other:

It has been made for your:

Right hand / arm ☐

Left hand / arm ☐

Your pressure garment has been made for:

Swelling reduction ☐

Scar management ☐

Other:

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Wearing your pressure garment

Please note: The seams of your garment are intended to be worn on the outside and should not be reversed.



Wearing your garment must be a gradual process. It is recommended you build up your tolerance to the garment by extending its wear by one hour each day. When the garment can be tolerated for over four hours it can be worn continuously throughout the day or night, as advised by your therapist.

A silicone mould or gel sheet may sometimes be used to enhance the fit and effectiveness of your pressure garment.



Wearing schedule

Your garment should be worn:

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Special instructions

Your garment should be removed times per day for:

Monitoring the skin ☐

Skin hygiene ☐

Exercise ☐

Change of splint ☐

Monitoring your skin

Check your skin daily for signs of excess pressure or irritation. Remove your garment and contact your therapist if you have any concerns about this.

Washing instructions

Your garment is made from Lycra and should be hand washed only with lukewarm water and a mild soap. Dry the garment away from direct heat.

Your garment should **not** be:

- Machine washed
- Tumble dried
- Ironed
- Dry cleaned
- Placed on a radiator

Your silicone mould / gel sheet should be rinsed each day to prevent a build-up of bacteria and moisture. When not in use, place it in a plastic bag to keep it clean.

If you experience any problems, please contact:

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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