

# Patient information

# **Forefoot Splint**

Therapies Department - Occupational Therapy

Hospital
Splint: Forefoot splint
Purpose: To maintain your foot in a good position and keep your toes supported
Advice to follow
Wear:
This is splint is not for weight bearing and is to be worn when resting only.
Your therapist will advise on wearing regime; this may alter over time.
Other

#### **Precautions:**

## If you develop problems such as:

- Increased swelling.
- Increased pain.
- Pins and needles.
- Red marks from the splint rubbing.
- Loss of movement.
- Numbness.
- Skin irritation or rash.

You must contact your therapist as soon as possible for advice or to arrange an appointment

#### Care of your foot:

- Wash your foot at least once each day.
- Massage with a non-perfumed moisturising cream, for example white soft paraffin/liquid paraffin 50/50. Please avoid the pin site area.
- If possible, wear a thin cotton sock inside your splint.

#### Care of your splint:

- To clean wipe over the splint with a warm soapy cloth and dry with a towel.
- Do not leave near a heat source e.g. radiator/fire.
- Do not wash your splint in hot water it will lose its shape.

### Straps:

If these are lost, become loose or fail to fasten, contact your therapist for replacements.

#### The resistance band/velcro:

- Your therapist sets this to the correct tension it is important that this is maintained.
- If the band/velcro tears, contact your therapist for a replacement.

Your Occupational	Therapist is		

#### **Feedback**

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Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

### **Further information**

For further information please contact below

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