

Community Division

Use and Care of your Splint

Why do I have to wear a splint?

A splint may have to be worn for a variety of reasons.

Your therapist will explain why you have to wear yours.

It may be for one of the following reasons:-

- muscle power is weak
- to help move stiff joints & tight tendons
- to reduce pain/swelling
- to rest joint(s)
- to help keep your fingers straight
- to protect a joint/healing bone
- to provide support for joint/healing bone during activity

When must I wear my splint?

- Daytime Night-time Other

How long must I wear my splint?

What if my splint starts to cause me problems?

Your splint will be made to fit you as comfortably as possible, however it is wise to check for any problems.

Please check for the following:

- red/sore skin
- no improvement
- repair or alteration needed
- discomfort
- allergic reactions eg. rash
- splint no longer seems to fit properly

If any of the above occur, you should contact your therapist as soon as you can. She will advise you whether to remove your splint and arrange an appointment for a splint check.

How to clean your splint

Thermoplastic splint

Remove the straps and handwash in cool water with a mild detergent.

Dry with a towel.

NEVER place on a radiator or in front of a fire to dry as the heat will cause the splint to lose its shape.

Fabric splint

Remove metal stay and handwash in cool water using a mild detergent. Rinse and dry flat. Do not spin or tumble dry. Do not use any fabric conditioner. Check for wear and tear that may affect use. Replace metal stay before using again.

If in doubt about anything regarding your splint, please ask your therapist for advice.

Date of review appointment: _____

Date: _____

Your therapists name: _____

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If you have not been given a review appointment, please get in contact if any problems develop with your splint.

When attending for a review appointment, please bring your splint with you.

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

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If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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