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Wrist Hand Finger Orthosis Wear-In Instructions

You have been fit with a wrist hand orthosis. Unless otherwise instructed, please use a gradual wear-in schedule to allow your body to get used to the device. Start with an hour today. Increase the wear time by an hour each day as tolerated. Following use, remove your orthosis and inspect your skin. There may be some skin redness from pressure areas. Redness should not persist for more than 15 minutes after removal. Discontinue use also if any sign of numbness, tingling, color change, excessive itching, swelling, or pain develops. Please contact our office for adjustments and do not reapply orthosis. Failure to do so could lead to blisters or open sores.

The orthosis is designed to support your wrist and limit the motion of your wrist. Some orthoses are for day use, whereas others are for use while sleeping. You should wear this as instructed by your doctor. Your orthosis can be cleaned with a washcloth and mild soapy water. Saddle soap can be used for any leather portions. Make certain all soap is removed and the orthosis is completely dry before reapplying. **DO NOT WASH IN A WASHER OR DRYER.** Make certain the orthosis is reapplied properly, with all the straps snugly secured.

Make sure that you are comfortable with how to properly put on and take off your orthosis. Never attempt to modify your orthosis yourself.

Please inspect your orthosis daily for any signs of wear including: cracking, loose parts, or decreased effectiveness of the device and call our office as needed. A yearly check up is recommended.

These instructions have been explained to me and I have been given a written copy of them to take home.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please contact us if you have any questions

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