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**DIRECTIONS FOR WEARING THE  
KNEE-ANKLE-FOOT-ORTHOISIS (KAFO)**

- 1) Always wear socks under the KAFO. Thin pants or tights can also be worn under the brace for skin comfort.
- 2) Bend the knee and make sure the heel is flat on the bottom and all the way into the contours of the plastic heel section. Hold the heel in this position and tighten the ankle strap.
- 3) Tighten the remaining calf, thigh and forefoot straps.
- 4) Place the knee cap velcro straps around the metal bar and fasten snugly so the knee stays securely in the brace.
- 5) If the brace has a knee lock, straighten the knee out and pull down the drop lock so that it locks the metal knee joint. To release the lock, pull up the drop lock. If your brace has a spring loaded lock, it will lock automatically when the knee is straightened. To release the lock pull up on the strap attached to the lock.
- 6) On initial wearing of the device, check after one hour for pressure spots. Gradually increase the wearing time and periodically check the skin for pressure spots. All red marks should disappear within twenty (20) minutes once the brace is off. If red marks persist for longer than twenty (20) minutes, call our office for an appointment to have the brace adjusted.
- 7) Wear the brace the number of hours per day as prescribed by the doctor.
- 8) Wash the brace when necessary with facial soap and water. Rinse and dry with a towel.
- 9) An appointment should be made every three to six months to have the device checked for growth and proper fit. Call either office for an appointment. If you need immediate assistance after regular office hours, please call 893-4116 and leave a message on the answering machine. Your call will be returned.
- 10) Caution: When not wearing the device, keep it away from your pets since they are attracted to the human scent and will chew and destroy it.

Warranty: The components of this device are warranted for 90 days, after which a service charge, based on an hourly rate and materials, can be applied. The warranty does not apply to anatomical changes of the patient, misuse and/or loss of the device or any alterations made by anyone other than Great Lakes.