

## **DIRECTIONS FOR THE WHEATON BRACING SYSTEM**

1. Apply a thin cotton or acrylic sock under the brace; never wear the orthosis directly on the skin.
2. Bend the knee to 90 degrees and place the heel into the foot portion of the brace. Position the baby's forefoot into the plastic forefoot section of the brace and secure the velcro straps.
3. Apply the upper thigh component of the brace and secure it with velcro straps. Make sure the foot is turned outward, away from the midline of the body. This position was indicated at the original fitting of the brace.
4. Wear the brace full time, removing it only for bathing.
5. If you have fitting problems or pressure problems occur or need to schedule an evaluation, please call our 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.

## **CARE OF WHEATON BRACING SYSTEM**

1. Clean the brace with a sponge or soft brush with mild soap (skin safe) and warm water. Towel dry, do not dry with heat.
2. Avoid extremes of cold and heat. In cold temperatures, the plastic will become brittle and prone to stress fractures. Avoid suddenly prying the brace open when it is very cold.

**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 Orthopedic Labs, Inc.