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BOSTON SCOLIOSIS TLSO

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DIRECTION FROM YOUR DOCTOR**

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Wear and Care

What is a TLSO?

Thoracic-Lumbo-Sacral Orthoses (TLSO) are designed to prevent progression of a spine curve.

It is important to remember that a TLSO only prevents progression of a curve and does not permanently improve it.

Applying The TLSO

A snug fitting undershirt should always be worn.

Open the brace and make sure the opening is straight. Make certain that the opening is in the back.

Find the pads on the brace that sit above your waist. With your hands squeeze slightly and push the brace towards your feet so that the brace sits snugly on your hip bones.

Pull down on your undershirt to smooth out any wrinkles.

Tighten the criss cross straps first followed by the bottom strap.

It may be necessary to retighten all 3 straps several times.

Your Orthotist or Doctor may mark the straps as a guide for you.

Break In

You need time to adjust to your new Brace. Gradually increase the wear time daily to reach the goal set by your doctor. **DO NOT RUSH THIS!!** Your body needs to build a tolerance to making this a part of your every day activities. This can take up to three weeks.

Check your skin regularly for skin irritation.

Depending on the amount of hours the doctor has prescribed, your orthotist will give you a wear schedule to help with the break in.

On average you should be able to increase your wear time by one to two hours each day.

Do not try and sleep in the brace until you have comfortably worn the brace four to six hours. When sleeping in the brace for the first few times try to keep the brace on all night. If it gets uncomfortable, try loosening the straps or changing sleeping positions. It is important to leave it on so you don't develop a habit of removing it in your sleep. If after a few nights you are still having problems call our office. We may need to adjust it.

Do not wear it to school until you are comfortably wearing your brace the amount of hours you will be there.

Boston TLSO

Brace Care

Clean your TLSO on a regular basis. Rubbing alcohol makes a good cleaner. Spray or wipe the inside of the TLSO with the rubbing alcohol. It dries quick and does not leave a film like soap can.

Once a month or for stains the rubbing alcohol leaves, use a clear non scented hand soap to clean the TLSO. The inside liner can be scrubbed lightly with a cloth. Always rinsing the TLSO with clean water several times. Towel dry and let air dry. Open the velcro straps and let them lay flat. The TLSO should be dry before wearing.

Never leave your brace in very hot sun such as the back of a car or near a heater. This can cause it to lose its shape.

Do not attempt to fix or adjust your TLSO yourself. Doing so could damage the TLSO and void any warranties.

Skin Care

NEVER USE CREAMS OR LOTIONS ON YOUR SKIN

Your skin needs to be clean. Bathe daily to promote good skin care.

Apply rubbing alcohol to any areas of your skin that may be prone to rubbing or excessive pressure. This will toughen the skin.

Any red or pink areas should go away after 30 min. Notify our office if any red areas stay longer. Your brace may need to be adjusted.

If skin breakdown (sore, red, raw skin) does occur, remove the brace until the skin heals. (Usually one to two days.)

Wearing your brace loosely will allow it to move around which is more likely to cause skin breakdown. Always wear it as tight as possible.

You may notice some skin turning darker. This is normal especially where the pads are. They usually fade after treatment.

Follow Up

After your initial fitting we would like to see you back in two weeks to make sure the TLSO is functioning properly. You need to be seen at least once a year for other follow ups. You should receive a follow up notice as a reminder. Your orthotist may choose to see you back sooner if needed.

Any time you feel you need to be seen by your orthotist please call and set up an appointment.

Notify your orthotist as soon as possible when you notice any signs of excessive wear.

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