#### Orthotics and Prosthetics Department

# CASH TLSO

Patient Information Guide

You have been fitted with a CASH brace. Your CASH brace acts as support for your spine and the correct fitting is important for your recovery.

## How to use your brace

Video instruction https://vimeo.com/showcase/6773122

- 1. Lay flat on your back, place the CASH brace centrally over your body.
- 2. Position the chest pad (labelled "TOP") 2 finger widths below the notch at the bottom of your throat.
- 3. Roll onto your side keeping your back straight.
- Position the back pad centrally on your back, pulling the strap out from underneath you.
- 5. Roll onto your back, reposition the brace centrally on your chest.
- 6. Pull Velcro strap through the loop and fasten

You must wear your CASH brace whenever you are out of bed. It must be put on **BEFORE** you get up, ie when lying flat. The brace is designed to keep your posture ok while getting out of bed and sitting.

# Hygiene

- If wearing the brace in the shower, make sure to dry before putting it on again.
  - You need to lie down to take it off for drying.
- To clean the brace, wipe it down with soapy water or disinfectant wipes.
- We recommend wearing a cotton t-shirt or singlet underneath the CASH brace.







# Checking your skin

- Your skin needs to be checked daily for skin irritation, broken skin or reddened areas.
- Contact your orthotist immediately with any skin issues.

### Things to remember

- Your CASH brace does not need to be worn for extended periods in bed, unless advised by a doctor.
- Things to avoid:
  - Lifting objects heavier than 2-3kg
  - o Sitting in low or deep couches
  - Adding un-prescribed bandages or dressings
  - o Exercise or sport
  - o Driving a motor vehicle unless advised by a doctor

#### Issues

- Please contact the RBWH Orthotic and Prosthetic Department if:
  - o Your CASH brace is broken or worn out
  - Causing discomfort or skin irritation
- <u>Do not adjust your brace</u>

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