

GP Approval for Garments and Wraps

Medical permission to use Class 1

The prescription of medical is based on knowledge about:

Benefits of compression

- Improved skin integrity by reducing chronic oedema
- Management of skin pathology due to chronic venous disorders
- Improved gait and balance by reducing chronic oedema

Understanding and managing risks associated with compression. These risks are minimized by:

- Patients are individually fitted with correct size
- All conform to Australian therapeutic standards
- Only carers trained in donning and doffing will undertake these activities
- are worn in the daytime and removed overnight

Possible adverse effects of compression include:

- Skin rub. Inspect the skin if there is any complaint of pain under the
- Inspect skin for red areas each day when device removed.
- Ischaemia. Unlikely with Class 1 but inspect skin if there is any complaint of pain.

I understand that has been prescribed by a trained health professional, and that the meet Australian standards. The chronic oedema does not require further medical management for underlying conditions (e.g. cardiac failure).

I understand that the carers have had specific training to understand the management of use and are aware of risks and precautions needed in their use.

I give permission for the use of devices for under these circumstances.

I decline the use of compression garments at this time because
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Name (doctor): Signature (doctor):

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