



EdemaWear: Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is EdemaWear?

A: EdemaWear is a latex-free tubular compression stocking that provides mild longitudinal compression (10-20 mmHg).

Q: When should EdemaWear be used?

A: EdemaWear can be used for those requiring mild compression therapy for the treatment of Venous Insufficiency/Mixed disease, Lymphedema and Generalized edema; with or without the presence of a wound. *Note: Once healed, compression stockings and/or garments are suggested for long term maintenance. Please collaborate with the Wound Care Champion or consult the Provincial Wound Program.*

Q: Does EdemaWear require a physician or NP order?

A: A prescriber's order is required prior to the application of compression.

Q: Is an ABPI required before applying EdemaWear?

A: A lower limb assessment is required prior to the application of any compression. The lower limb assessment may or may not include an ABPI depending on the individual. *Please collaborate with the Wound Care Champion or consult the Provincial Wound Program.*

Q: Are there any notable contraindications for EdemaWear?

A: Do **NOT** use in the presence of **UNCONTROLLED** heart failure. Do **NOT** use in the presence of an **UNTREATED** lower limb or skin infection.

Q: How do I measure for EdemaWear?

A: Determine the limb circumference (in cm's) by measuring around the thickest part of the applicable limb. *Remember: The tighter the fit, the higher the compression.*

Q: Can EdemaWear be cut in half?

A: One stocking is not long enough to be used as a pair. Size small has two stockings per package, the other sizes have one, therefore, requiring two packages for a pair.

Q: What does the colored line on the EdemaWear represent?

A: EdemaWear is color coded for sizing. The colored stripe can be positioned anywhere, (front, back, side).

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Q: How is EdemaWear applied over a wound?

A: Complete wound care using the appropriate products and apply EdemaWear over the cover dressing.

Q: Can I use emollient with EdemaWear?

A: Moisturize intact skin with appropriate moisturizer and allow it to absorb/dry before the application of EdemaWear.

Q: Can EdemaWear be worn overnight?

A: EdemaWear should be worn all day and all night (if tolerated). *EdemaWear should be removed and repositioned at least once a day.*

Q: Can you stop EdemaWear from rolling or slipping?

A: Remeasure to confirm the size. Remove the stocking and turn it inside out. Ensure there is an 8cm cuff at the top. EdemaWear should not slip or roll as it will impact the effect of compression and may cause a tourniquet effect.

Q: Can EdemaWear be washed when soiled?

A: EdemaWear can be washed when soiled or to restore the shape/elasticity. It is recommended to machine or hand wash in cold water with mild soap (no bleach) and hang to dry.

Q: How long does EdemaWear last?

A: EdemaWear can be washed and reused for 6 months before requiring replacement.



References:

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