AFO, & KO Casting Instructions

AFO Casting Guidelines				
Medium	Fiberglass (recommended brands are C-Form from ST&G, Delta Conformable BSN, Delta Lite BSN and Össur Techform)			
Recommended technique	Dry casting (with fiberglass)Use of a casting platform	7° of tibial inclination		
Position	 Sitting in a chair Using casting platform to replicate heel height and toe ramp (or another system allowing to replicate heel height and toe ramp) Metatarsal touching the casting platform Optimal sagittal alignment: correlates with heel height of the shoe (+/- 5° of the functional alignment) Optimal coronal alignment: to represent biomechanical goals (+/- 3° of functional alignment) Tibial inclination of 7° 	TKA (weight line)		
Cast length	Mid-calf and captures all toes.	Metatarsals touching casting block		
Cut strip	Anterior on the dorsum of the foot to transition laterally			
Markings on the cast	 Fibula head, metatarsal heads, base of 5th metatarsal, navicular, medial and lateral malleoli, tibial crest, tibial tubercle If applicable mark: deformity, scar tissue, and any other area of concern Reference hash-marks on top of cutting strip. Add name of patient and clinic on cast. 	Cast height encapsulates fibula head Hindfoot in neutral alignment		
Rigidity/ Thickness	A minimum of 3 layers of fiberglass throughout the cast from proximal to distal end			
Tips	 Wait at least an hour before putting it in a box for shipping Must remove stockinette Use staples to seal the cast Stuff the cast to maintain its structure during shipping No webroll or compresso grip 			

Fiberglass (any brand) Traditional technique Cast must be 2 inches longer than the desire length of the brace distally and proximally Non-weightbearing Sitting on the edge of a chair Terminal extension Foot in dorsiflexion: should naturally give a proper toe out Cast must be 2" longer than the desired length of the brace

KO Casting Guidelines

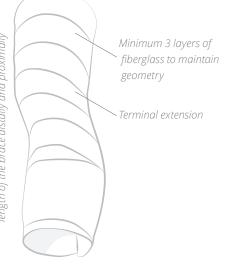
Cast length	Cast must be 2° longer than the desired length of the brace.
Cut strip	Posterior
Markings on the cast	 Fibula head, patella, medial & lateral condyle (+ if applicable: deformity, scar tissue, and any other area of concern). Reference hash-marks on top of cutting strip. Add name of patient and clinic on cast.
Rigidity/ ThicknessA minimum of 3 layers of fiberglass throughout the cast from proximal to distal end	
Tips	 Wait at least an hour before putting it in a box for shipping Must remove stockinette Use staples to seal the cast Stuff the cast to maintain its structure during shipping No webroll or compresso grip

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KAFO Casting Instructions

KAFO Casting Guidelines			
Medium	Fiberglass (recommended brands are C-Form from ST&G, Delta Conformable BSN, Delta Lite BSN and Össur Techform)	Part 1: AFO Section	
Recommended technique	 2 stages dry casting (with fiberglass) Use of a casting platform	7° of tibial inclination	
Position	 AFO Sitting in a chair Using casting platform to replicate heel height and toe ramp (or another system allowing to replicate heel height and toe ramp). Metatarsal touching the casting platform Optimal sagittal alignment: correlates with heel height of the shoe (+/- 5° of the functional alignment) Optimal coronal alignment: to represent biomechanical goals (+/- 3° of functional alignment) Tibial inclination of 7° Leave the top 3" of the AFO section unsprayed. It will allow the two section to bond when you start the KO casting. Allow it to cure and then start the KO section casting process. MO Non-weightbearing Sitting on the edge of a chair Terminal extension Coronal and sagittal alignment must be within +/- 5 degrees of the intended brace position* (*except in case of contracture) 	TKA (weight line) Metatarsals touching casting block Cast height encapsulates fibula head Hindfoot in neutral alignment	
Cast length	AFO: mid-calf and captures all toes. KO: 2" taller than the desired length of the brace (proximally)	Part 2: KO Section	
Cut strip	Anterior on the dorsum of the foot to transition laterally	1-2 inches higher than the	
Markings on the cast	 KO section - outside of cast Fibula head, patella, medial & lateral condyle If applicable mark: deformity, scar tissue, and any other area of concern AFO section - Outside of the cast Fibula head, metatarsal heads, base of 5th metatarsal, navicular, medial and lateral malleoli, tibial crest, tibial tubercle If applicable mark: deformity, scar tissue, and any other area of concern Reference hash-marks on top of cutting strip. Add name of patient and clinic on cast. 	desired trimline of the brace Terminal extension	
Rigidity/ Thickness	A minimum of 3 layers of fiberglass throughout the cast from proximal to distal end		
Tips	 Wait at least an hour before putting it in a box for shipping Must remove stockinette Use staples to seal the cast Stuff the cast to maintain its structure during shipping No webroll or compresso grip 	Coronal and sagittal alignment must be within 5° of the intended brace positions.	

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