

## **SPLINT CARE**

## Splint care instructions

- 1. Your splint is made from a low temperature thermoplastic that softens and changes shape when heated. <u>DO NOT</u> place your splint near any source of heat such as:
  - Hot water
  - Sunny windows
  - A car in hot weather
  - Radiators
  - Heaters
  - Wood fires
  - Ovens
  - Dishwashers, or
  - Dryers
- 2. You may wash your splint as needed. It can be washed with:
  - WARM (not hot) water and soap or detergent
  - Rubbing alcohol
  - Rubbing a paste made of baking soda and water
  - The straps can be hand washed and air dried (Do not place the straps in the dryer)
  - DO NOT attempt to adjust your splint yourself!

## **Precautions**

Please contact PHT for a <u>free</u> splint adjustment appointment if you experience any of the following after wearing your splint:

- Red of darkened areas of your skin where the splint may be rubbing
- Pain or unusual discomfort
- Skin discolouration
- Persistent tingling or numbness
- Significant swelling