

## Skin colour

- If your skin reacts to the splint material, for example by becoming itchy, it is possible to wear a stockinette under the splint.
- When you are wearing your splints, check your fingers for good circulation by pressing down on your fingernails and watching for a quick return of pink colour.
- If the hand or arm becomes bluish in colour or overly pink, too cold or too warm, remove your splint.
- Elevate your arm and hand.

## Caring for and looking after your splint

- To clean your splint, please use baby wipes or a damp cloth.
- Hand wash your splint and leave to air dry.
- Do not machine wash your splint or tumble dry it

## Contact details

**IF YOUR SPLINT IS TOO TIGHT AND DOES NOT FIT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR THERAPIST TO BOOK A REVIEW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**If you have any concerns, please contact the team on the details below**

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**Children's Hand Therapy**

**Benik Wrist Splint With  
Thumb Piece**



## Aim of your splint

- To keep the space between your thumb and fingers separated.
- To keep your thumb in a good position
- To support your wrist when doing activities at home and school
- To prevent muscle and soft tissue contractures.

## Wearing times

- Initially wear your splints for 30 minutes at one time.
- Slowly build tolerance to splints, to wear for up to two hours at a time.
- Your therapist will give you a regime to follow.

## When to wear your splint

Left hand

Right hand

Day time splint

Night-time splint

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## Pressure areas

- Redness is common over bony areas and around the edges of splints.
- Red areas should disappear in about 15 or 20 minutes. They are not a concern.
- If red areas persist, bruises appear, or the splint is rubbing and uncomfortable:

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## Pain/discomfort

- Remove your splint, note any red areas. Move your hand and arm. Try the splint again.
- If the pain or discomfort persists:

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## Swelling

- Swelling (oedema) can sometimes occur with splint wear.
- Remove your splint. Elevate your hand and arm on a pillow and move your joints.
- Try your splint again; loosen the straps slightly if you feel they are too tight and uncomfortable. If the swelling does not reduce:

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