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Orthotic brace allowances

During your appointment there is often a lot to take in and sometimes it can be difficult to remember everything. There are not infinite resources to provide unlimited items to patients so to ensure fairness there are agreed allowances per patient. Please see below a list of the NHS allowances for both adult and children. In some specific circumstances this list might differ depending on what your GP or Consultant has actually referred you for.

Stockings:	2 x pairs every 6 months (adult)
	1 x pair in total (child)
AFOs (ankle foot orthosis) & resting splints:	1 x AFO per leg as required (child/adult)
Standard stock knee brace:	2 x braces per leg as required (adult)
Specialised stock knee brace:	1 x brace per leg as required (child/adult)
Made-to-measure knee brace:	2 x braces per leg as required (adult)
	1 x brace per leg as required (child)
KAFO (knee ankle foot orthosis):	1 x brace per leg as required (child/adult)
Hip abduction brace:	1 x brace in total (child/adult)
Lycra garment:	1 x garments per limb (child/adult)
Corsets:	2 x corsets in total (child/adult)
TLSO (thoracolumbosacral orthosis):	1 x braces in total (child/adult)
CTLTO (spinal orthosis):	1 x braces in total (child/adult)
Wrist splints:	2 x braces per arm as required (adult)
	1 x brace per arm as requested (child)
Shoulder braces:	2 x brace per arm as required (adult)
	1 x brace per arm as required (child)
Soft collars:	2 x collars in good condition (child/adult)
Hard collars:	1 x collar in total (child/adult)
Helmets:	1 x helmet in total (child/adult)

Spare liners and pads for TLSOs, hard collars, soft collars, AFOs and corsets, can be provided for hygiene reasons dependent on the type of brace.