

Does My Insurance Cover A Waterproof Cast?

Depending on the size of your child and the injured body part, the number of rolls used can vary. Because of the faster drying characteristics of the cast liner, there is less skin breakdown from retained moisture, resulting in fewer unscheduled cast changes (and incurring more out of pocket costs for the parent per the insurance benefits for a new cast). Patients are even encouraged to rinse their casts daily to reduce odor when itching. This is now the standard of care for children requiring casting.

Although the Federal Registers (dated July 17, 2000 and November 1, 2000) clearly direct providers to bill for ALL casting supplies (padding, stockinet, etc) and further directs Medicare carriers to reimburse separately for those casting supplies when related to fracture and/or dislocation treatment, some insurance carriers don't reimburse for this product. Children's Orthopaedic and Scoliosis Surgery Associates will do everything in its power to have your insurance carrier pay for this product. Our billing department will send an appeal to your insurance carrier if they don't process payment on the initial claim. Occasionally, in spite of these efforts, your insurance carrier may not be willing to pay for the waterproof material and we must pass the cost on to you.

We will not know if your insurance carrier will cover the cast padding until it is billed to the insurance carrier. We will notify you at the follow-up appointment if the insurance carrier did not cover the cast materials.

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Waterproof Casts



The cast you can get **WET!!!**



We not only offer casts in several different colors, but we offer casts that can get **WET**!

Traditional cast padding is a cotton material that can not get wet. It absorbs water and perspiration which can cause itching and can often smell.

Our casts are a waterproof, breathable, washable cast padding that is used in place of cotton and stockinette underneath fiberglass or synthetic casting tape. This accommodates moisture and wetness from perspiration, bathing, or swimming - unlike standard padding that is absorbent.

Because of the fast drying characteristics of our waterproof casting, your child will have less skin breakdown from retained moisture, resulting in fewer unscheduled cast changes.

These benefits allow your child to bathe and swim in the pool while healing.

NEVER stick anything down a cast. **NO** rulers, pencils, pens, pen caps, or ANYTHING. Putting something down the cast can cause the padding to bunch up and make it uncomfortable for the child or cause a sore on the skin.

NO going to the beach while you are wearing a cast. If shells or sand get lodged in the cast, it can cause a sore as well.

There is no special soap that needs to be used with a waterproof cast. We recommend that you get the cast wet or rinse it out at least every other day. Most casts will dry on their own, however if it doesn't dry completely, you may use a blow dryer to help dry out the cast.

