



CHARCOT RESTRAINT ORTHOTIC WALKER (CROW)

Purpose: The CROW is a fully-enclosed ankle foot orthosis with a rocker bottom sole designed and custom-fabricated to accommodate and support a foot with Charcot Neuropathy (CN), also known as Charcot foot.

Goal: Your orthotist's goal is to prevent progression of the deformity and protect a potentially insensate foot from injury.

Use: The CROW is to be used as directed by your physician; it is worn typically all day and removed at night for sleeping.

Hygiene: Always wear a sock or compression stocking; the CROW should not be worn directly against your skin. The device can be hand-washed with mild soap and water, then allowed to air dry. You can wipe it down with rubbing alcohol or alcohol wipes. Do not place the CROW in a clothes dryer or use a hair dryer on it.

Skin checks: It is important to routinely monitor the skin for signs of trouble; because the device applies pressure to the body, any light-to-medium marks or changes in skin color that disappear within 15 minutes are considered acceptable. A dark mark or anything approaching a bruise would indicate an adjustment is needed; in this case, please contact your orthotist for an appointment. This is especially important for patients who are diabetic or have poor sensation in their feet.

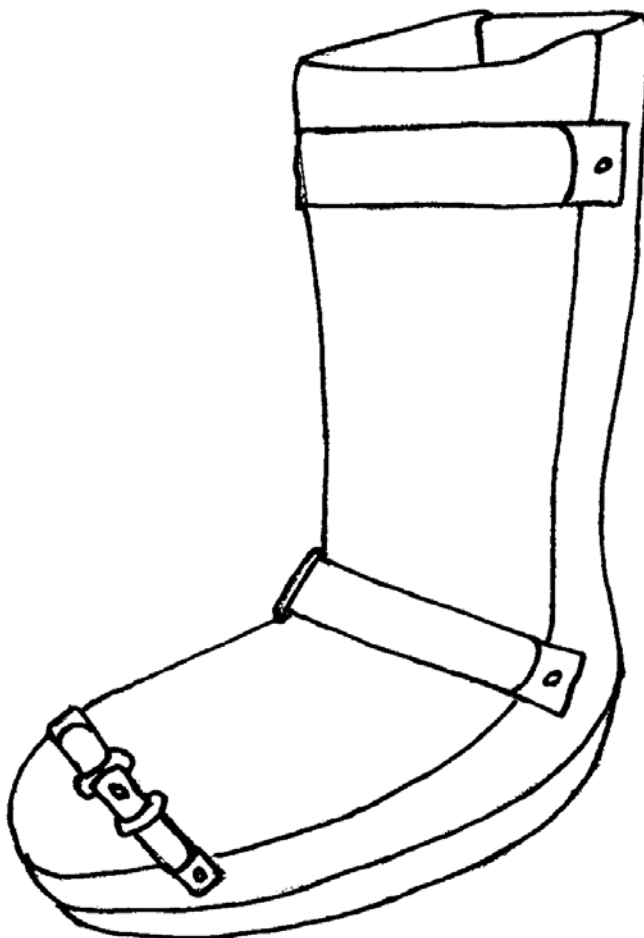
Potential Risks: With the use of any orthosis, there is a potential risk of skin breakdown. Additionally, you must be careful as you adapt to using the CROW, particularly as the rocker bottom sole makes that side a bit taller than the other.

Potential Benefits: The proper use of this CROW has the potential benefits of preventing deformity progression and protecting the foot from injury.

General Health Concerns: If you have any concerns about your general health, please contact your physician for assistance; in the case of an emergency, please go to the nearest Emergency Department or call 911.

Follow-Up on Orthosis: If you have any questions or concerns about the function or fit of the orthosis, please contact Northern Orthopedics for an appointment.

Warranty: Northern Orthopedics will make any necessary adjustments or repairs to the device free of charge during the 90 day warranty period; the warranty may not apply if these are needed due to significant patient physiological changes. The warranty is void if anyone other than Northern Orthopedics alters the device and Northern Orthopedics will not be responsible for adjustments or repairs needed due to abuse, neglect, or normal wear and tear. **Devices cannot be returned.**



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