

Thigh compression

Q Is thigh compression more effective for bariatric patients?

A There is neither evidence nor cogent reasoning as to why thigh-only or thigh-length garments would better suit bariatric patients; this proposition lacks rationale particularly as it is clear that calf compression is effective. Thigh-length or thigh-only garments would be more challenging to fit on to bariatric patients and likely also to be uncomfortable therefore affecting patient concordance.

The effect of calf compression in bariatric patients is much the same as for anyone else within a normal weight range; the critical factor is the size of the garment. ArjoHuntleigh have designed a larger garment (DVT-60) specifically for use in bariatric patients – the practice of combing two standard garments to form a single larger garment is strongly discouraged.

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