

Large limbs

Q What should I do where standard sized garments do not fit the patient who has a large limb? Is it OK to fasten two together to make a single large garment?

A FLOWTRON® DVT prophylaxis garments are designed, licensed and sold to be used where one garment is applied on each leg. Garment design (be it foot, calf or calf and thigh) is based upon the principle of applying pressure to a specific part of the lower limb to augment blood flow, enhance anti-thrombotic and pro-fibrinolytic effects, preventing DVT formation. This is achieved using a specifically shaped single piece of specialist fabric in the garment construction that has been quality assessed for durability and safety as well as undergoing vigorous testing in the clinical setting.

For patients with a large limb size, either a foot garment or bariatric sized garment should be utilised.

Anecdotally there have been reports of clinicians using two calf garments fastened together for patients with a large limb size. **This cannot be recommended or endorsed.** The outcomes of this practice are unknown and there is potential risk of an adverse event.

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