

Weisman Children's Rehabilitation Hospital

Nursing Manual

SUBJECT: Splints, Cones, Bi-valved Casts

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PURPOSE:

To ensure splints, cones and bi-valved casts will be applied and monitored appropriately.

SCOPE OF CARE: RN/LPN/NA

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES:

1. Splints, cones, casts as ordered.
2. Protective barrier equipment as necessary.

PROCEDURE GUIDELINES:

1. Verify physician order.
2. Identify patient and explain procedure.
3. Provide privacy.
4. Wash hands and apply protective barrier equipment as indicated.
5. Apply the splint/cone/cast per schedule and to appropriate extremity. Check circulation post application.
6. The skin will be assessed prior to application and removal for any areas of redness/pressure/actual skin breakdown.
7. Wash your hands following any patient contact.

Documentation:

1. Date and time applied/removed.
 2. Any pertinent skin assessment.
 3. Patient's tolerance.
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