

Applicant Information Sheet Pressure Modification Devices

What kind of pressure modification devices are covered by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

- Pressure garments and custom fabricated orthoses for the management of hypertrophic scars
- Compression garments and sleeves for chronic lymphedema
- Sequential extremity pumps and accessories for primary lymphedema

What kind of pressure modification devices are not covered by ADP?

- Pressure modification devices purchased from non ADP registered vendors
- Pressure modification devices used for post-operative use or any use for less than six months duration
- Acute physical conditions
- Venous insufficiency or thrombo-embolosis
- Pressure inserts, silastic elastomers and dressings for hypertrophic scars management or vascular conditions
- Elasticized wraps and bandages, such as Tubigrip (R), Coban (R), or tensors
- Pressure modification devices implanted or inserted into the body
- Hyperbaric pressure chambers

Who can apply?

Any permanent resident of Ontario who has a valid health card issued in their name, and has a chronic physical disability requiring the use of a pressure modification device for a minimum of six months.

ADP does not pay for equipment available under Workplace Safety & Insurance Board or to Group "A" Veterans for their pensioned conditions.

How do I apply?

All applicants must be examined by specialist physician.

- Specialist physicians for the hypertrophic scar management include plastic surgeons, physiatrists and general surgeons.
- Specialist physicians for hypertrophic scar management will also be a member of a burn lymphedema team registered with the ADP.
- Specialist physicians for lymphedema compression devices include vascular surgeons, plastic surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, internal medicine specialists, paediatricians, physiatrist, orthopaedic surgeons, general surgeons, gynaecology oncology and cardio vascular surgeons and general practitioners in oncology.

For lymphedema compression garments, your family physician will also need to complete an assessment every two years or if you have a change of medical condition.

What will happen next?

Your physician will refer you to a health professional registered with ADP as an authorizer.

- For hypertrophic scar orthoses: occupational therapists, physiotherapists and certified orthotists registered with a Burn Team.
- For lymphedema compression garments or sleeves: occupational therapists, physiotherapists or registered nurses registered as lymphedema authorizers.

The authorizer will provide an assessment to determine the eligibility and type of garment you require.

Who can sign my application form?

You are required to sign the application form. If you are unable to sign, someone who has the legal authority to act on your behalf may do so. This may be your spouse, parent, child, power of attorney, or public trustee.

How long will it take for ADP to review my application?

It should take no more than six weeks from receipt of a properly completed form for ADP to review your application. If ADP is unable to approve funding you will be notified directly by mail. If funding is approved, ADP will notify your vendor. They will then contact you directly to proceed with delivery of the device and follow-up.

How much money does ADP contribute?

ADP pays 75% of the ADP approved price to the registered vendor. You pay the remaining 25%.

If you are receiving social assistance benefits under Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), ADP may pay 100 per cent of the ADP approved price.

Does this mean that ADP will pay 100% of my costs for the Pressure Modification Devices?

Not necessarily. You must pay the vendor directly for any non ADP funding options you may chose to purchase for your garments. Be sure to ask your vendor how much of the total cost you will be responsible for.

Is there a warranty for my device?

The ADP Registered Vendor must warrant the garment/orthosis against breakage or tearing for:

- Thirty (30) days for a custom fabricated or custom-fitted pressure garment for hypertrophic scar management.
- Thirty (30) days for all orthoses.
- The warranty must be provided to the client in writing.
- For satisfactory fit of the device for a minimum of one (1) month from the date the garment/orthosis was delivered to the client, unless there is a relevant change in the client's size due to growth or atrophy.

What if I purchase my Pressure Modification Devices before I receive ADP approval?

ADP will only pay the amount approved after the date of approval. If you ask your vendor to order your prosthesis before ADP approves funding,

You will be responsible for paying the full amount to the vendor if ADP cannot approve your application.

What if I need to replace my Pressure Modification Devices?

- The minimum replacement period is one year for a custom fabricated hypertrophic scar orthosis.
- Hypertrophic scar pressure garments are replaced as needed to a maximum of five sets of two outfits each in a 12 month period.
- Lymphedema compression garments are replaced as needed to a maximum of three sets of two outfits each in a 12 month period.
- The minimum replacement period for compression sleeves and gauges is five years.
- The minimum replacement period for extremity pumps is five years, with a three year replacement period on boots and sleeves for the pumps.

What if I have more questions about ADP?

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