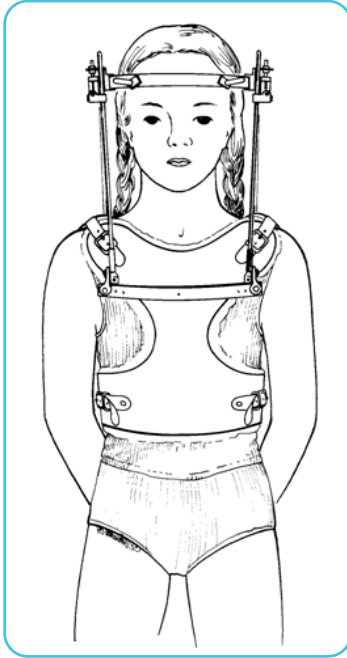




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Safety tips

- Transfer the patient by lifting their body. Do not grasp any part of the brace when lifting or transferring your child.
- Do not bump or move any part of the brace.

Special concerns

Please call your doctor if any of the following occur:

- Excessive drainage from a pin site
- Increased pain around a pin site
- Loosening of any pins or brace parts
- Halo or metal uprights get bumped or bent due to a fall

Clothing

Have your child wear loose-fitting shirts with a large neck line or blouses that button or zip.

Cleaning

Pins:

To be done two times each day:

1. Apply peroxide to a sterile Q-tip. Clean each pin.
2. Apply Betadine ointment to a different, sterile Q-tip.
3. Spread ointment around each pin.

Skin:

Child should be lying down:

1. Place the child on their back. Dampen a cloth with water, and clean the skin underneath the liner.
2. Dampen a different cloth with rubbing alcohol, and clean the same area again.
3. Roll your child onto their stomach. Clean the skin on their back that is underneath the liner by repeating steps 1 and 2.
4. Sponge-bathe the rest of the body, making sure to avoid contact with the brace and the liner.

To Learn More

- Orthotics and Prosthetics
206-386-6100
- Ask your child's healthcare provider
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Hair:

- First, thread a towel through the bars at the base of the neck. This will keep the liner dry.
- Have your child sit or lean over a large sink to wash their hair.

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.
- For Deaf and hard of hearing callers
206-987-2280 (TTY)

Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201.

This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.

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