

Soft Cast Amputation Protector (SCAP)

We have given you this leaflet because a Soft Cast Amputation Protector (SCAP) is considered to be a beneficial part of your rehabilitation following lower limb amputation surgery.

What is a SCAP Protector?

SCAP stands for Soft Cast Amputation Protector. Soft Cast is the name of the material the protector is created from.

Soft Cast is a bandage that is coated in a coloured synthetic resin. When this bandage is applied around your residual limb, it sets to form a rubbery shell.

Once set, this can then be cut partway down either side of the limb to enable removal. The shell is then trimmed, padded and edged neatly to create the final product. Velcro straps are applied so that you can secure it to your limb.

Why would a SCAP Protector benefit me?

The SCAP protector is designed to keep your limb safe after surgery. In the early stages of rehabilitation, the limb is vulnerable to being knocked and the risk of a fall is higher. The part- rigid shell and soft padding we apply inside should absorb some impact if knocked and provide protection to your wound. It can be fitted and worn over the top of surgical dressings and compression garments and may help to prevent swelling.

In addition, the SCAP will help keep your knee joint straight ensuring it does not get too stiff, helping to avoid your muscles shortening into a bent position.



Can I remove the SCAP?

Yes, the SCAP is easily removable, so it won't interfere with your physiotherapy exercise program or wound dressing changes.

Who do I contact with any concerns regarding my SCAP?

If you have any concerns regarding your SCAP, please talk to your physiotherapist or contact the plaster room staff at Royal Bournemouth Hospital - **0300 019 4442**

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