



Nurse Question & Answer CoFlex® 2 Layer Compression System

Q: How is Andover's CoFlex 2 Layer Compression System used?

A: It is a method used to achieve sustained therapeutic compression for the treatment of venous leg ulcers and related conditions.

Q: Should the CoFlex 2 Layer Compression system be used on any patient?

A: No, it should not be used on patients with arterial disease, infection and/or ABI < 0.8

Q: How often is the product applied?

A: Generally the multilayer compression system is applied on the patient 1-2 times per week

Q: How does Andover's Two Layer compare to 3M's Two Layer product?

A: In trial, Andover's CoFlex 2 Layer proved easier to apply than 3M's Coban 2 Layer:

- On Roll 1 Andover's product has an inner core and 3M's does not. The inner core enables easy, fluid application throughout the entire roll whereas 3M's Roll 1 had to be applied in a slower fashion when at the end of the roll.
- Andover's Roll 2 remained intact during application whereas the 3M Roll 2 ripped when stretching to apply without any wrinkles.
- Andover's Roll 2 cohered well to Roll 1, remaining in place with no slippage. 3M's Roll 2 did not stick well to Roll 1 and had to be taped at the end in order to remain in place.
- Andover's Rolls have Patented Easy-Hand Tear® technology eliminating the need for scissors.

Q: How does CoFlex 2 Layer compare to Three and Four Layer Compression Systems?

A: In trial, two layer kits proved better than three or four layer kits due to:

- Comfort level – being lighter weight, less bulky and less hot
- Patient compliance – more comfort and ability to wear normal footwear over the product
- Easy application – the nurse only has two layers instead of 3-4 layers
- Non-slippage – with the 3 & 4 layer kits the product generally slips which causes a tourniquet -effect (all the pressure is at the bottom of the leg). The two layer product's non-slippage results in a smooth leg toe to knee



Reported benefits from trials:

Staff Reported	Patients Reported
Easy Application	Comfortable and lightweight
Increased patient compliance	Able to wear normal footwear
Smooth legs from toe to knee	Ideal temperature on the leg (not too hot)
Reduced edema	Stays in place – no slippage
Improved wound size	

