



Question & Answer **CoFlex® TLC Two Layer Compression by Andover**

Q: For what applications would you use Andover's CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression?

A: CoFlex TLC is a two layer compression system used to achieve continuous restorative compression for treatment of venous leg ulcers and conditions that require compression as part of their treatment.

Q: What precautions should be taken when using the CoFlex TLC Compression System?

A: Care should be taken to ensure adequate arterial blood flow prior to applying compression dressings. Patients with an ABI reading of <0.8 should not use the standard CoFlex TLC Compression system. CoFlex TLC Lite can be applied to patients with an ABI of 0.5 or greater.

Q: How often is CoFlex TLC applied?

A: Generally CoFlex TLC is applied 1-2 times per week per MD order and/or facility protocol.

Q: Is CoFlex TLC absorbent?

A: Yes. CoFlex TLC's Layer 1 has a light coating designed to wick away weeping serous drainage promoting a faster MVTR. This layer is not designed to be the primary dressing.

Q: Does CoFlex TLC come in different sizes and colors?

A: Yes. CoFlex TLC comes in the standard length and also comes in XL adding an additional 2 yards for highly contoured legs. Standard CoFlex TLC comes in tan plus four colors; pink, red, blue and purple.

Q: Does CoFlex TLC deliver the industry standard of 40mmHg at the ankle and 17mmHg at the calf?

A: CoFlex TLC provides pressures that are consistent with the other multi-component systems on the market. CoFlex TLC maintains a Static Stiffness Index (SSI) > 10mmHg to provide continuous restorative pressure necessary for edema reduction and assist the action of the muscle pump in returning fluids back to their proper channels.



Q: What makes CoFlex TLC different from the other two layer systems on the market?

A:

- The patent pending base layer of CoFlex TLC is a soft foam with an **absorbent** coating that wicks away light serous drainage allowing for a rapid moisture vapor transfer rate that helps keep the peri-wound skin dry.
- The second layer of CoFlex TLC has a patented easy hand-tear that eliminates the need for scissors.
- The CoFlex TLC kit has a **shear elastic stocking** in each kit to be applied over the top of the system for patient comfort and ease of movement.
- CoFlex TLC comes in tan plus **four colors**
- CoFlex TLC now has an **XL version** for patients with highly contoured legs avoiding the need to open two kits.
- CoFlex TLC Lite is also available for patients with ABI \geq .05.

Q: What is the purpose of adding a stocking to your kit?

A: The addition of the stocking allows for ease of applying socks and shoes. The nylon stocking also decreases sticking to clothing and bed sheets.

Q: Does the stocking increase the compression provided by the dressing?

A: Sub-bandage pressure studies have shown no significant difference in compression with the stocking in place.

Q: Will CoFlex TLC leave grooves in my patient's legs?

A: Both layers are applied with 50% overlap. This provides an even surface resulting in a smooth leg on dressing removal.

Q: Will CoFlex TLC slip or migrate down the leg?

A: Andover's CoFlex TLC Layer 2 has a patented fabric base structure that mechanically bonds Layer 1 and Layer 2 together. The bonding of the two layers results in a thin, low profile wrap that will not slip.

Q: What side of CoFlex TLC is applied directly on the patient's skin?

A: Each first layer is clearly marked with a sticker indicating to apply the blue side (absorbent side) against the skin.