

Upper Extremity Rigid Removable Dressing

The rigid removable dressing can be used for transhumeral (above elbow) or transradial (below elbow) amputations. It can be made of thermoplastic (white plastic) or fiberglass and is often held in place with compression socks. The incision line is covered with non-stick gauze. Then a nylon sheath is applied to hold the gauze in place and protect the patient's skin. Two mild compression socks are added to control edema (swelling) before the cast is applied.



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