

## Rigid Dressing (Pylon Cast)

A rigid dressing or pylon cast is applied to an amputated limb 4-5 days after surgery. This is a non-removable dressing used to protect the residual limb and control edema (swelling). When this dressing is applied following a transtibial amputation (below the knee), it is often made of plaster and held in place with an elastic strap and a waist belt. Depending on the mobility of the patient, the cast may have a prosthetic foot attached to it. Then it is called a pylon cast. This allows patients to bear a small amount of weight on the amputated limb and begin gait training. A patient will typically be in this type of cast for 4-6 weeks.



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