

Dear General Practitioner

Your patient has contacted DJO to request additional information on our Osteoarthritis Knee Braces, the **OA Reaction Web** and the **Clima-Flex OA**, which are available on prescription.

**DJO offers two Offloading Knee Braces on the UK Drug Tariff**

- Both braces are available on prescription. As these are new listings to the Drug Tariff, you may not have been aware of their availability before.
  - OA Reaction Web, which has a fixed level off offloading for early to mild unicompartmental osteoarthritis.
  - Clima-Flex OA, for mild to moderate unicompartmental osteoarthritis, with adjustable offloading.

These braces offer patients with joint pain or instability a **non-pharmacological solution** for offloading their knee joint as an adjunct to other core treatments, as suggested in current *NICE Guidelines for Osteoarthritis Care and Management*.<sup>1</sup>

**Measuring and prescribing**

- Measurement instructions are enclosed, but we are available to assist with this on 0800 587 0857 (ukorders@djoglobal.com).
- Though this can be ordered via any pharmacy, the fastest way of fulfilling the prescription is to go via Daylong (FJ708), a Dispensing Appliance Contractor, who will deliver the brace direct to the patient's home. Daylong accept electronic prescriptions, or they can be posted to FREEPOST RTHL-YUAG-GCST, Daylong, 10 Cossall Industrial Estate, Ilkeston DE7 5UG.
- Fitting the brace is simple for the patient to do themselves, but if they require any assistance, we can support this on 0800 587 0857.

**Bracing as a treatment option**

Studies have shown that offloading knee braces are a cost-effective method as a bridging therapy and long-term use can delay and reduce surgical intervention.<sup>2</sup> Studies also provide evidence that if patients wear offloading braces for more than 2 years, surgical intervention is not needed.<sup>2</sup>

If we can be of any further assistance in supporting your patient, please contact us on 0800 587 0857 (ukorders@djoglobal.com).

Yours sincerely



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1. [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg177/chapter/1-recommendations#non-pharmacological-management-2](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg177/chapter/1-recommendations#non-pharmacological-management-2)  
2. Lee PYF, Winfield TG, Harris SRS, et al. Unloading knee brace is a cost-effective method to bridge and delay surgery in unicompartmental knee arthritis. *BMJ Open Sport Exerc Med* 2017;2:e000195.doi:10.1136/bmjsem-2016-000195