



## **Lowe Plastic Surgery (LPS)**

### **PATIENT INFORMATION: GRADIENT COMPRESSION STOCKINGS** **(JOBST OR EQUIVALENT PRODUCT)**

#### **To whom it may concern:**

Dr. Lowe feels that you may benefit from compression stockings either before or after medical treatment. These stockings in no way are mandatory, but Dr. Lowe believes they would significantly assist with your recovery and downtime. Dr. Lowe is aware that there are a number of compression stockings available to the public. Many local vendors no longer provide or fit patients for compression stockings due to decreases in reimbursement and demand. Many patients elect to utilize the internet to obtain their compression stockings instead of a local vendor. The choice is yours to make!

Dr. Lowe will usually provide you with a physician Prescription Form with diagnosis to present to a potential vendor. He prefers "Jobst" gradient compression stockings, but any medical stocking that meets the criteria below would suffice. Local and internet vendors in most cases no longer accept payment directly from insurance. Arguing with the vendor in most cases is not productive. Currently, most patients purchase the stockings and other supplies on their own.

Dr. Lowe does not sell the gradient compression stockings. He does not recommend any one vendor in town over the other. Over the years patients have complained about poor service, price, and quality of local vendors. Nevertheless, our experience with local companies has in general been good. Dr. Lowe recommends you obtain:

**Company:** Jobst Gradient Compression Stockings

**Ready to Wear:** Lower extremity hose

**Compression:** 15-20 or 20-30

**Style:** Knee High, Open toe, prefers posterior zipper when available

**Side:** Left & Right

**Number:** 1 Pair

**Linings:** 2 (patient charge expected / not always available)

In Dr. Lowe's opinion you have a medical condition that requires long term medical compression with a Jobst Gradient Compression or an equivalent product. If you have already undergone surgery on the lower extremity, simply measure the opposite leg for reference. In most cases, patients fitting themselves should slightly oversize the ready to wear devices. This is better than fitting them so tight that patients will not wear them consistently. The stockings are usually needed for several months after surgery. Patients that require chronic use should expect to replace old hose every 4-6 months depending on usage.

If you have any questions regarding the patient's condition or the fitting process please feel free to contact us in the future. My office number is (405) 942-4300 and my patient coordinator will be happy to assist you. Go to <http://www.jobst-usa.com> for information on local vendors or simple search the internet for medical gradient stockings for online purchases or local vendor at: <https://www.google.com>. Remember the medical hose must be "fitted" by you or the vendor prior to purchase to ensure proper fit.

Warmest regards,

James B. Lowe, MD, FACS

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