



## **Nurse Question & Answer** **CoFlex® TLC Two Layer Compression**

**Q:** How is Andover's CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression used?

**A:** It is a method used to achieve continuous restorative compression for treating venous leg ulcers.

**Q:** Should the CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression be used on any patient?

**A:** No, it should not be used on anyone that has not been cleared for compression by their physician or have a recorded ABPI of 0.8 for CoFlex TLC and 0.5 for CoFlex TLC Lite. It may be used on patients with infection as long as they are being treated for the infection either systemically and/or topically as with silver dressings.

**Q:** How often is the product applied?

**A:** Generally the multilayer compression system is applied on the patient 1-2 times per week

**Q:** What are the benefits of the CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression?

**A:** Andover's CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression is easy to apply:

The Base Layer (First Roll):

Is a soft comfortable foam with a cohesive backing layer that provides light compression

Has an inner core providing easy, fluid application.

The Top Layer (Second Roll):

Provides the stronger compression that is needed to improve blood flow in the leg and aid in the healing process.

Is fabric based making it strong and able to remain intact when stretching to apply without wrinkles.

Both Roll 1 and Roll 2:

Cohere well together and will not slip.

Have Patented EasyTear® technology eliminating the need for scissors.

**Q:** Two Layer Compression Systems are better than compare to Three and Four Layer Compression Systems due to:

**A:**

- Easy application and removal – the clinician only has two layers instead of 3-4 layers
- Comfort level – being lighter weight, less bulky and less hot
- Patient compliance – more comfort and ability to wear normal footwear over the product



- Non-slippage – with the 3 & 4 layer kits the product generally slips which causes a tourniquet effect (all the pressure is at the bottom of the leg). Anodver's CoFlex TLC product's non-slippage results in a smooth leg toe to knee.

**Q:** How much sub-bandage pressure does the CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression deliver?

**A:** CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression delivers the industry standard recommended compression levels of 40 mmHg at the ankle and 17 mmHg at the calf.

**Q:** Can the CoFlex TLC Two Layer Compression be applied at less than full stretch?

**A:** Yes. Reducing the extension by 20% (stretching at 80%) will result in 30% less sub-bandage pressure. Reducing extension by 30% (stretching at 70%) will result in 40% less sub-bandage pressure.

**Jefferson Regional Medical Center's Hyperbaric and Wound Center's Evaluation:**

<b>Staff Reported</b>	<b>Patients Reported</b>
Easy Application	Comfortable and lightweight
Increased patient compliance	Able to wear normal footwear
Smooth legs from toe to knee	Ideal temperature on the leg (not too hot)
Reduced edema	Stays in place – no slippage
Improved wound size	