

Recommendations for use of the OPED lower leg and foot orthoses in water:



1. Approval by a doctor required

The decision as to whether the patient may use the orthosis in water is the sole responsibility of the attending physician or prescriber.

2. Separate inner lining for use in water

A second inlay is required for use of the orthosis in water. This additional is solely to be used during swimming– use in everyday life is not recommended once exposed to treated water. A second inlay is available to be purchased by the patient on our website www.oped-uk.com

3. Swimming only under hygienically controlled conditions

Swimming is only permitted in hygienically impeccable, controlled environments – e.g. in private pools or public swimming pools with professional water treatment. No bathing in natural waters such as rivers, lakes or oceans.

4. Cleaning and drying after swimming

After use in water, the inner lining must be:

- Rinsed thoroughly with clean tap water,
- Gently squeezed with a towel to remove excess water
- Dried completely according to the instructions in the user manual - do not expose to direct heat or sunlight.

5. Careful removal of the orthosis

The orthosis should only be removed while sitting. Before inserting the dry inner components, both the leg and the hard shell must be thoroughly dried with a towel to avoid excess moisture.

6. Caution on wet surfaces

Take particular care when walking with the orthosis on damp surfaces – risk of slipping!

7. Swimming only, no water sports

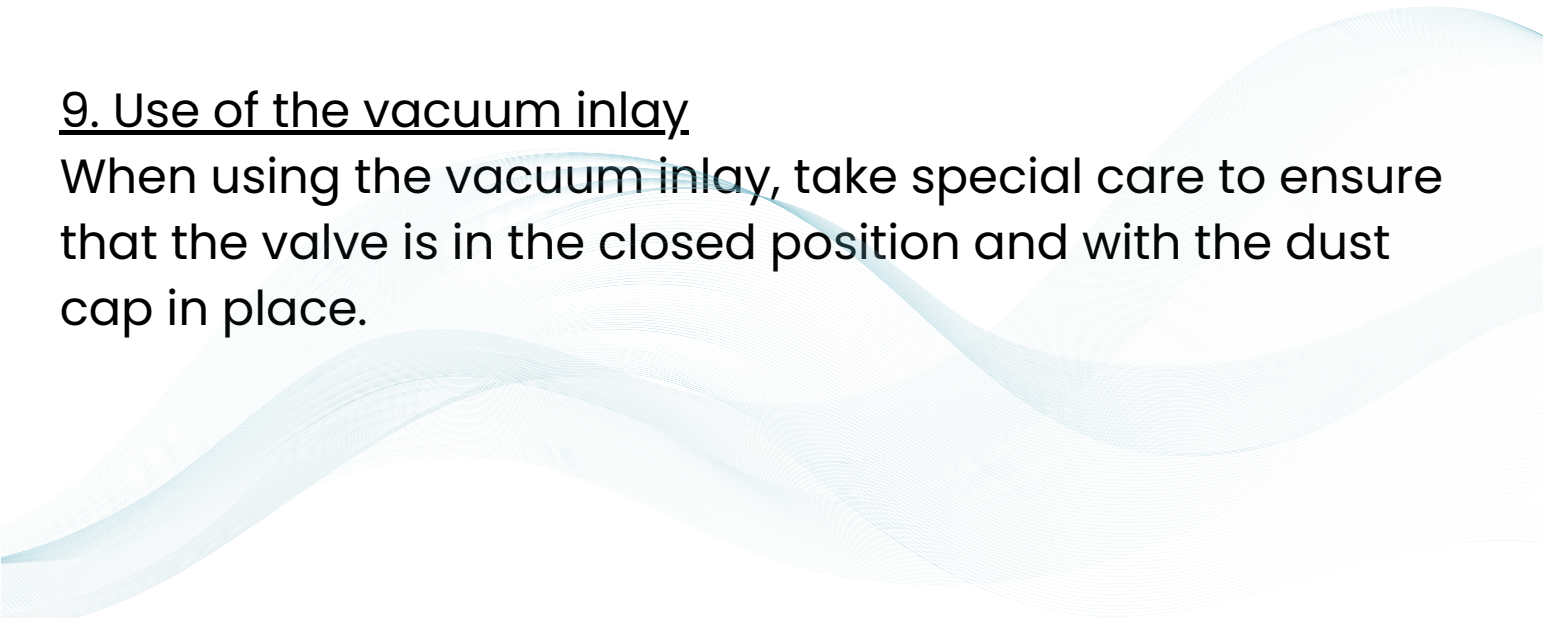
The approval for use of the orthosis in water refers exclusively to swimming. Activities such as water sports are not permitted.

8. Beach visits not recommended

Use on the beach – especially contact with sea water and sand – has not been tested and may lead to increased wear and tear, especially of the hard plastic shell. In addition, sand inside the orthosis may cause skin irritation.

9. Use of the vacuum inlay

When using the vacuum inlay, take special care to ensure that the valve is in the closed position and with the dust cap in place.



General information:

- Market observations to date have not revealed any indications of restrictions or defects in connection with use in water.
- Use outside the guidelines specified by the manufacturer is at your own risk and may impair the function and safety of the orthosis.
- The above recommendations apply to the following products:
 - VACOped with XELGO inlay and vacuum inlay
 - VACOpedes with XELGO inlay
 - VACOped Short with vacuum inlay
 - VACOcast with vacuum inlay
 - VACOcast Pro with XELGO inlay

