

Interview Questions

In summary, one of the clients at the clinic was interviewed. This particular client started off using a rigid AFO but switched to a Bioness electrical stimulation device because his rigid AFO was causing slap foot condition.

1. What are some of the common problems or limitations you experience with your device?

Rigid AFO Boot:

- Very uncomfortable- primarily due to rigidity and tendency to cause leg to sweat profusely
- Did not allow easy heel to toe walking patterns. Experienced foot slap so doctor took him off the boot and switched him to the Bioness device.

Bioness:

- Inner pads need to be replaced every 2 weeks
- While walking over obstacles, Bioness senses a 'problem' and allow heel to hit but not the rest of the foot.

2. If there is one thing that you could change about your orthotic, what would it be?

Bioness:

- Way of attachment- different to put on and if it is not put on just right, the device will not work properly. V needs to be in front.

3. Do you find it difficult to wear your orthotic in the winter?

- No- fits under pants (Bioness device)

4. Have you ever needed to replace the device?

- No- only replaced pads and rechargeable battery (uses a syra 2013 battery)

Additional comments:

- Only wears device for about 30% of the day (does not wear it while sitting, sleeping, or during activities that he finds it to not help much)
- Does not wear device on the weekends
- Has had Bioness device for over a year
- Used to wear rigid AFO but switched to Bioness device because AFO was not providing the necessary assistance