

## ZIMMER KNEE SPLINT

The information in this document is used for proper understanding of what Zimmer Knee Splints are and to instruct you on how to use them correctly.

#### What is a Zimmer Knee Splint?

Zimmer Knee Splints are used for individuals who have patella dislocation, post-op knee surgery and some knee fractures.

Zimmer Knee Splints will cost \$50.00 to purchase and are one-patient use.

#### Correct Fit:

- In lying down place the Zimmer Knee Splint under your leg with your knee in the patella opening area
- Starting with the straps directly above and below the knee, thread the clip and tighten
- Then thread the 2 middle straps through the clip and tighten
- Lastly, thread the outer straps through the clips and tighten
- Straps should be firm but not painfully tight



#### **Precautions:**

- Follow directions by your orthopaedic surgeon
- When sitting and standing make sure you have the correct foot placement as shown by your therapist
- You will be unable to bend your knee
- Be cautious on wet and uneven surfaces

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### Steps:

Going up and down steps you will be unable to bend your knee, (if using crutches refer to Consumer Information on crutches)

- Ascending
  - o Step with your unaffected leg up first followed by your affected leg
- Descending
  - o Step down with your affected leg first, followed by your unaffected leg

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