

# Coban tape

## Therapy Department

### Patient Information Leaflet

#### Introduction

Coban tape is a thin, self-adherent (self-sticking) elastic wrap that sticks to itself but not to anything else, even the skin. It can be helpful in reducing swelling.

#### How do I use it?

- Wrap a single layer of Coban tape from the top of your swollen finger or thumb to the base.
- Make sure you put it on in an overlapping, spiral fashion as demonstrated by your therapist.
- Avoid pulling the tape too tightly whilst winding it around your finger or thumb.
- Leave the tip of your finger/thumb free so that you can check the colour of your finger or thumb while the tape is on.

You can use one piece of tape several times.

#### Important notes

**You should remove the tape immediately if you notice any of the following:**

- Pain or a throbbing feeling in your finger or thumb.
- The tip of your finger or thumb changes colour (any different colour from normal).
- Numbness, pins and needles or a tingling feeling in your finger or thumb.
- A possible allergic reaction, such as if your skin goes red, or it feels itchy or sore.

**Do not place the tape over an open wound.**

**Do not get the tape wet – you will need to remove it for hand washing or personal care.**

## Specific recommendations from your occupational therapist:

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

Occupational therapist, Hand Therapy Team on 01384 456111 ext. 2430 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

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