

Little kids



Fitting little ones is easier in many respects since they are easy to lift and move around. There are, however, a few things that are unique about the small TAOS base and orthotic.

The components we use to make your orthotic have an adjustment for length.

The large and medium units will allow about 4 inches of growth from the hip to the floor. When an 18 month old is fit there is only about 1 inch of growth adjustment. Please call us for replacement bars for the tibia and femur growth.



Just a reminder the seat may be unusable as a sit to stand device for very small kids. There is just too little difference in height. Fortunately they are easily lifted into the base, and can be easily lifted off for a break in the exercise session.

We always include the seat so that the TAOS can be used as a seating device, with the child working on trunk and head control while in a safe supportive position. This fits the goal of the TAOS of not being a DME device that holds the child in a position, but one that gets the child aligned so that they can hold themselves in position. With their legs and pelvis held (like a super swash) they can work on everything from there up.



With these little ones I try walking them without the base to get them used to the orthotic and bearing weight. With many little guys the motivation to walk may not be there yet. The parents may want to have the child work on standing next to a couch or think up other activities to encourage standing outside of the base. When in the base some expect to ride the TAOS instead of doing the work themselves. As with all of our CP kids no two are the same and the inventive nature of many of their parents can greatly enhance the benefit of the TAOS.

(Or maybe the TAOS enhances the benefit of the already super parent.)

Have fun!!

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