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Evaluating the use of Ankle Foot Orthotics in Florida

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Research Project Description

Background: Ankle Foot Orthotics (AFO's) are braces that are commonly prescribed to those with peripheral neuropathies, hereditary neuropathies, and foot drop.
Hypothesis: AFO's are not worn frequently in Florida due to aesthetic reasons.
Methods: Evaluate the use of AFO's in Florida by developing a survey to determine the preferences of patients who needs AFO's and whether or not they wear them. If they do not wear them, we will attempt to determine the reasons why.
Role of medical student: Contact patients who have been prescribed AFO's and determine if they are wearing them or not; if patients are not wearing them, the medical student will then ask the patients why. We will determine the rate of AFO usage in the state of Florida. Ultimately the goal will be to find out how AFO's can be improved so they can be used as they can help patients with their day to day activities.