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Head Supports

Off the Shelf

Tel: 01604 622886

Website: www.ketteringsurgical.com

MS 45 - front fastening:

Medi UK Ltd

Fields Yard

Plough Lane

Hereford

HR4 0EL

Tel: 01432 351682

Soft Collar:

Hereford Collar:

Tyco Healthcare
Unit 2 Elmwood
Chineham Business Park
Basingstoke. RG24 8WG
Tel: 01256 708880
Website: www.tycoint.com

K.S.A. Ltd, 73 Overstone Road,
Northampton NN1 3JW

The above generally used in the early stages.

The Headmaster Collar:



Each Headmaster Collar is supplied pre-assembled and ready to use. Just bend it to the desired shape by hand. This low profile collar is easily formed to a snug fit under the chin and attached with a comfortable strap. Optional extension pads are also available. Large, medium and small. Available from:

Medical Engineering Consultants, 28 Greville Park Avenue, Ashted, Surrey

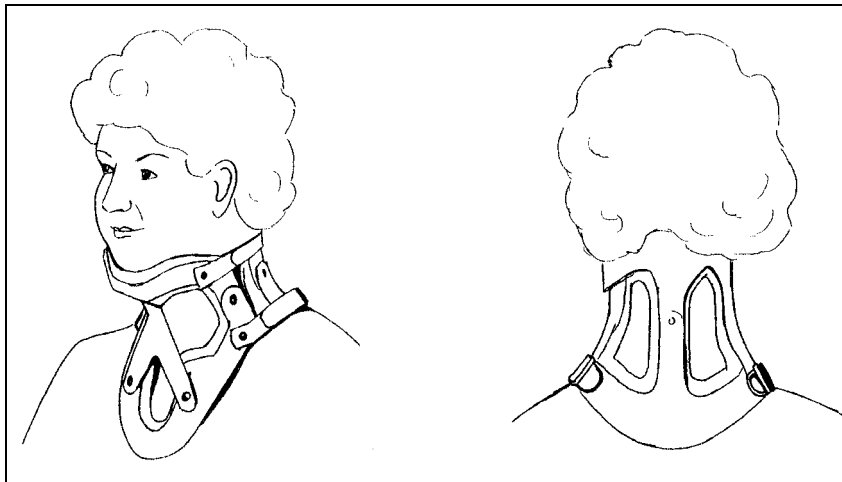
KT21 2QS Tel: 01372 274456

Website: www.mecproducts.com

E-mail: sales@mecproducts.com

Price Approx £49

The Civic Collar:



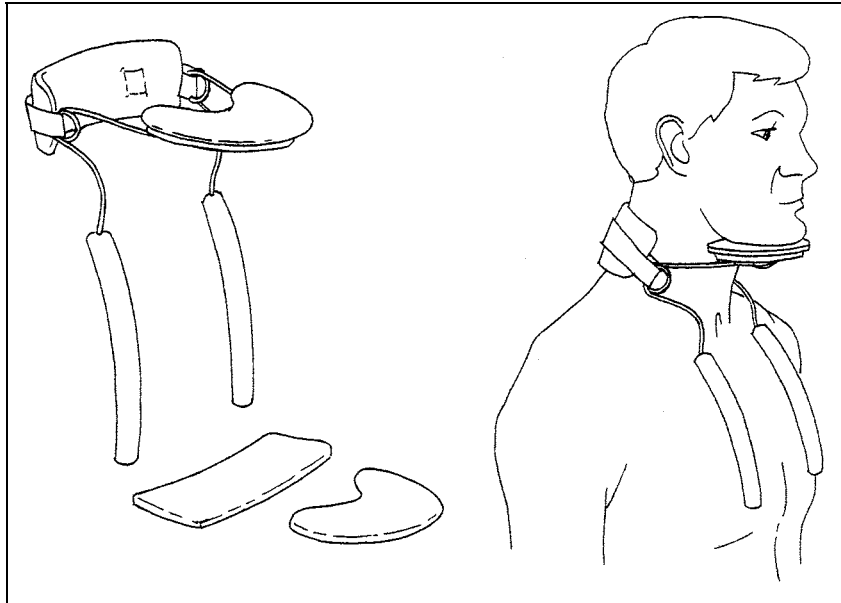
The Collar provides firm, extremely light and airy support against, flexion, extension and rotation. Available from QED 2000. 1 Prince Alfred Street, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 1QH Tel: 0870 787 8850 Website:

www.qedltd.com

E-mail: sales@qedltd.com

Price Approx £60

The MND Oxford Collar: £75



This head support is designed to help people who retain some control over the position of their head but whose neck muscles are weakening and tire during the day. People using this dynamic support will find the weight of the head counter-balanced enabling some degree of flexion which is particularly helpful

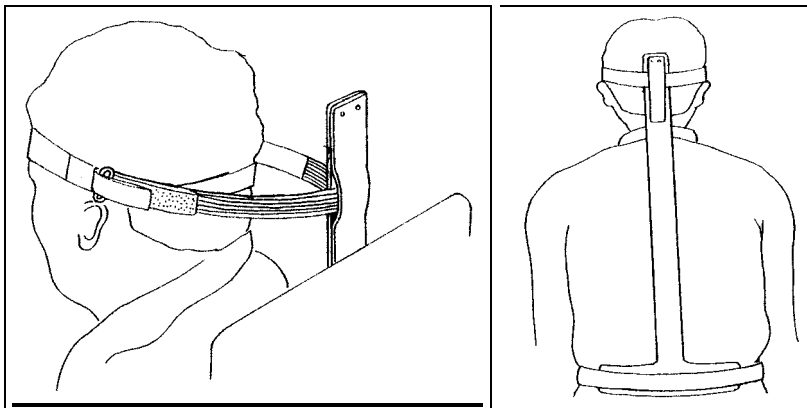
when swallowing.

Available in 3 strengths from: Salt & Son Ltd, Saltair House, Lord Street, Heartlands, Birmingham B7 4DS, Tel: 0121 3595123

Website: <http://www.salt.co.uk>

E-mail: salts@salts.co.uk

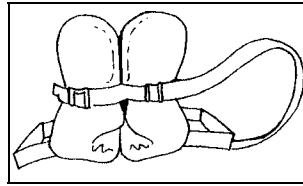
Oxford Lees Head Support



Will require accurate measurement and/or template for walking version. Discuss measurements and price with Nuffield Orthotics and Rehab: NORE, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford OX37LD Tel: 01865

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Hensinger Head Support:

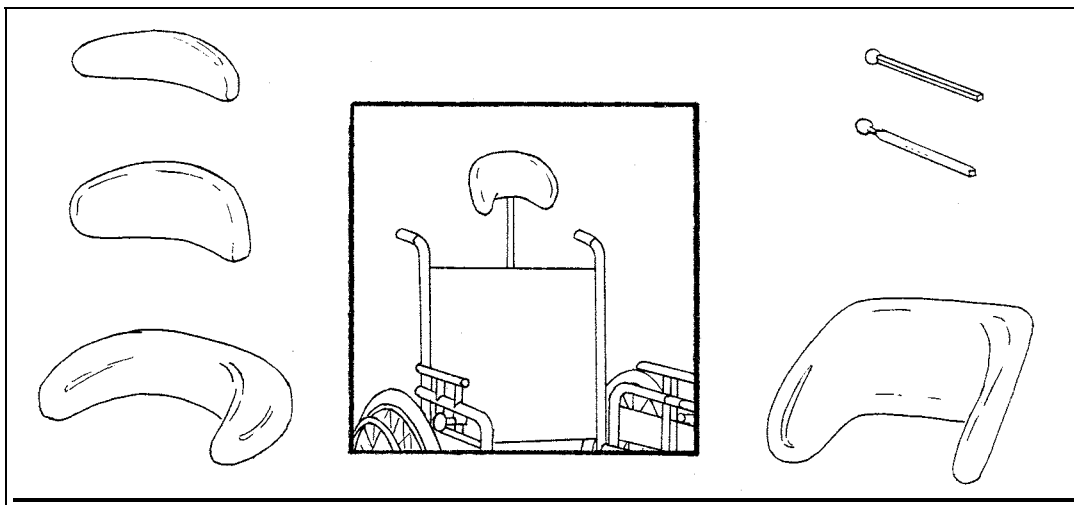


The Hensinger Head support should be used in conjunction with a chest support. After the chest is secured, the head support can help maintain mid-line head position.

Available in various sizes from: Tyco Healthcare. Unit 2 Elmwood, Chineham Business Park, Basingstoke. RG24 8WG. Tel: 01256 708880
Website: www.tycoint.com

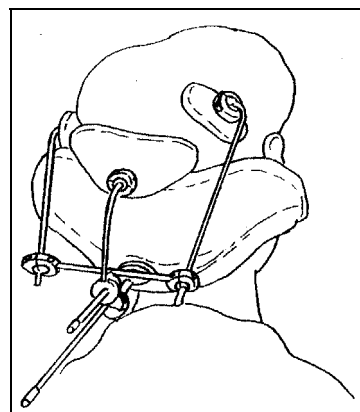
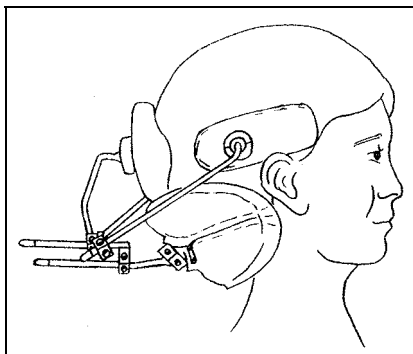
Price from £96

Otto Bock Head & Neck Supports



A variety of head and neck supports for attaching to seating systems, frames and standard wheelchairs. Supplied by: Otto Bock UK Ltd, 32 Parsonage Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. TW20 0LD. Tel: 01784 744900.
Website: www.ottobock.co.uk E-mail: bockuk@uk.ottobock.de

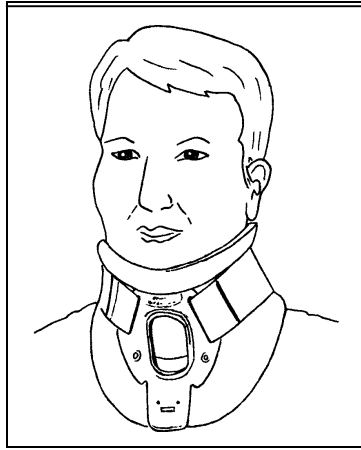
Leckey Head & Neck Supports:



A variety of contoured and soft head rests available for people requiring minimal support. Supplied by: James Leckey Design Ltd. Kilwee Business Park, Dunmerry BT17 0HD. Tel: 0800 318265

Website: www.leckey.com
E-mail: info@leckey.com

Philadelphia Cervical Collar



Two piece design thermoformed from non-toxic hypo-allergenic plastazole.

Optional Extra:
Cotton Liners – They Fit over the inside of the Philadelphia collar for improved hygiene and added comfort.

Price £17.75

Supplied by: Medistox Ltd, Unit 4 Green Bank Business Park, Dyneley Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 3AB.

Accessories:



Telephone: 01254 267400
Fax: 01254 267401

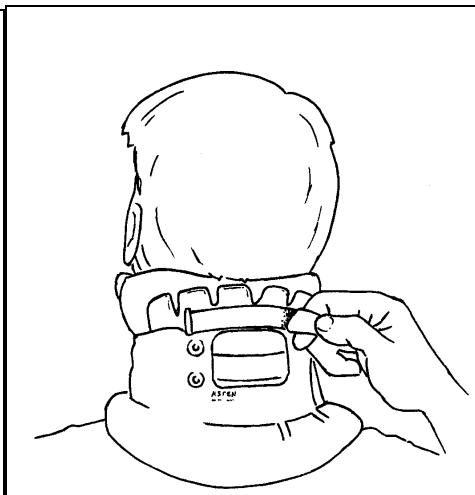
Hospital Halo:

Provides additional rotational stability when attached to the Philadelphia Cervical Collar.

Hospital Stabilizer:

One size fits patients from 5'6" to 6'6" tall.

Aspen Cervical Collar



The collar's self-adjusting chin-piece and adjustable support tabs distribute pressure to the mandibles and upper chest by conforming to each patient's physiology. The wearer can talk, eat and rest without having to loosen the chin-piece and without compromising immobilisation.

Price £29.50

Supplied by: Medistox Ltd, Unit 4, Green Bank Business Park, Dyneley Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 4AB. Telephone: 01254 267400, Fax: 01254 267401.

General Points to Consider

- Motor Neurone Disease patients retain sensation and therefore suffer from discomfort associated with immobility. Tolerance of any one head support may be poor and the patient may require some variety, in particular between band and chin (collar type) support.
- Bulbar symptoms frequently are problematic with most makes of collar. Try a collar with an anterior area cut away to allow for freedom of swallowing.
- For eating, drinking and speech, forehead bands are more appropriate allowing complete freedom around the chin, mouth and throat.
- Do not discount simple solutions , e.g. a roll of foam under the chin with Velcro fastening can offer some relief in certain circumstances and is easy to apply/make.
- Neck weakness is only part of the problem. It is frequently associated with weakness of the shoulder girdle and long back extensor muscles.
- Riser/recliner chairs with neck rolls or bridge cushions can provide some support.

Advice and Information Line for Health & Social Care Professionals: 01604 611870

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