MEASURING GUIDELINES FOR ARM SLEEVES AND GARMENTS

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MARK THE MEASUREMENT POINTS (MEASURE IN CENTIMETERS) PATIENT SITS WITH ARM SLIGHTLY ANGLED WITH PALM OF THE HAND FACING UPWARDS ON THE TABLE







- 1 Mark measurement point C, located at the bend of the wrist (distal flexion crease).
- 2 Mark point C1, typically 6 cm. proximal from measurement C (C-C1).
- 3 Mark point D, located in the largest girth point of the forearm. The middle third between C and E. (For example, if C-E length is 30 cm., the C-D length would be 20 cm., making the mark point for D at 20 cm.)
- 4 Mark point E, crease of the elbow
- 5 Mark point F, located in the middle of the upper arm.
- 6 Mark point G, located at the axilla. Tip: This point is easiest to determine by inserting the flexi-card or folded piece of paper into the armpit and bending it at a right angle around the upper arm.



- 7 The C measurement is taken above the ulna styloid process. Measure with no tension to prevent edema formation in the hand.
- 8 The C1 measurement is taken with no tension.
- 9 The D measurement can be measured with slight tension, depending on the degree of edema.
- 10 The E measurement is taken over the elbow with elbow bent at 45 degrees. Measure without tension. Tip: if there is edema above the crease of the elbow, measure slightly above the elbow crease.
- 11 The F measurement is taken with tension. This is the anchor for the garment. Tip: if there is loose, sagging skin, it is helpful to use saran wrap around the extremity for accurate length & circumference measurements.
- 12 The G measurement is taken without tension.

LENGTH MEASUREMENTS



13-17 – Determine lengths C-C1, C-D, C-E, C-F, C-G. Tip: determine C-F by pressing down tape measure at the angle of the elbow.