



Dr. Comfort Orthopaedic Shoes

* Please refer to the Pedorthic Association of Canada's (PAC) position statement on custom-made, therapeutic and orthopaedic shoes and sandals – available on their website www.pedorthic.ca

Dr. Comfort is a brand of orthopaedic footwear manufactured in China and headed in Wisconsin, USA. It is distributed in Canada by SIMS Medical Corp, an Ontario corporation. Dr. Comfort shoes are manufactured according to strict regulations – particularly in accordance with the Medicare Act of USA. Moreover, PAC has provided the insurance providers with a position statement which includes the TWELVE (12) features that MUST be present in order for a shoe to be considered fully orthopaedic in nature.

Please find below a table which outlines these 12 criteria, along with a description of how Dr. Comfort meets, and far surpasses, these requirements to be a TRUE orthopaedic shoe.

Orthopaedic Features of a Shoe	Does Dr. Comfort Meet this Requirement?	How Does Dr. Comfort Measure Up?
Removable sock liner/insert	YES!	Removable heat-mouldable Plastazote/EVA insert
Accommodative toe shape and widths that allow for the proper fitting of both broad and narrow feet	YES!	Several widths (narrow, medium, wide, extra-wide, and soon also extra-extra-wide)
High, broad toe shape which accommodates forefoot shape and deformities	YES!	High (over 1 inch) toebox on all styles; very wide to accommodate various deformities; some styles incorporate lycra to allow greater forefoot width and depth
Adjustable closure (i.e. laces, Velcro) to secure foot position inside the shoe	YES!	Every shoe in the Dr. Comfort line of footwear has large true Velcro® closures or laces
Broad sole (through the heel, the shank and the forefoot) of adequate density to provide a foundation for prescribed devices	YES!	Unique last designed to ensure a very full forefoot and stable heel and shank
Easily modifiable upper and sole materials	YES!	Upper is made of a high-quality Argentinean calfskin leather to allow easy modifications; soles are very easily sliced and readily glued for sole modifications
Upper material that is breathable, mouldable and durable	YES!	Full grain leather uppers (some incorporate Lycra® as well for added breathability)
Smooth, protective lining	YES!	Leather quarter linings
Sole design with sufficient toe spring to allow normal propulsion	YES!	Rocker sole (heel to toe)
Sufficient torsional stability along medial longitudinal arch	YES!	Thermoplastic shanks
Heel stability via firm or extended heel counter	YES!	Extended AND firm plastic heel counters
Minimum of 0.5cm (3/16") for women's or 0.8cm (5/16") for men's additional depth in the last	YES!	All shoe styles offer 7/16" (1.15cm) additional depth in the last
Sole tread graded to suit the upper width	YES!	The depth of the tread grooves range from 3 to 5mm