

ABSTRACT

The use of optical scans of the foot as an alternative to plaster of paris casts for the manufacture of foot orthoses is becoming more wide spread. Based on a number of assumptions, this modelling exercise estimates the low and high costs of plaster casts to be \$27.94 and \$49.60. The costs of optical scans are estimated to be \$3.30 to \$10.00. The capital costs of optical scans are higher, whereas the consumable costs of plaster casts are higher. Based on this information, clinicians can make better informed choices between plaster casts and optical scans.

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