Troubleshooting Common Concerns

Problem	What it may mean
Persistent redness	The brace may be applying excessive pressure or may need adjustment
Blister or open skin	The AFO should be checked before continued use
Heel coming out of the AFO	The foot may not be positioned correctly or the straps may need adjustment
Shoe won't fit over the AFO	The shoe may not have enough width, depth, or opening
Child is tripping more	Shoe fit, AFO design, or the child's gait may need reassessment
Child suddenly refuses the AFO	Investigate pain, pressure, growth, sensory issues, or changes in function
AFO feels too small	The child may have outgrown it
Straps are worn or no longer secure	The AFO may need repair
Walking looks different	The child's needs may have changed, or the AFO may need adjustment