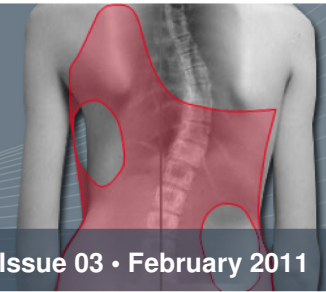




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Providing a Solution

Cascade Dafo, Inc., of Ferndale, Washington have been *Canfit*  users for the past 4 years. They use *Canfit*  to produce pediatric dynamic ankle foot orthoses.

Cascade Dafo has 15 staff members who are using the *Canfit*  system to create DAFO braces. Cascade Dafo has 2 clinics in Ferndale and Mount Vernon, WA where patients can come in to be scanned, or scans are emailed from practitioners who are located off-site. This capacity to accept digital files allows Cascade Dafo to manufacture braces for patients all over the World. Scan data not only provides increased accessibility to their services, it “gives a more complete picture” of the patient, enabling a better fitting product to be created.

The staff at Cascade Dafo complete all of the necessary modifications, as specified on their order forms, using *Canfit*  design software. After all modifications are complete, the shape is sent to the carver where it is milled out of foam. The foam is used instead of a plaster positive to create the brace and the brace is shipped to the customer.

Within the *Canfit*  software, all patient measurements and shape modifications are stored in a history, allowing practitioners to track changes over time. This also enables them to make changes and adjustments efficiently and



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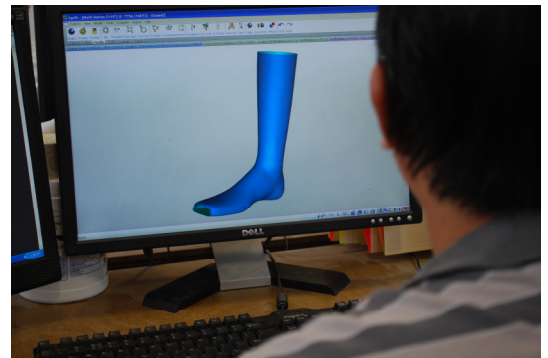
Cascade Dafo, Inc created the original DAFO (Dynamic Ankle Foot Orthosis) in 1985. Today they manufacture the most complete system of pediatric bracing in the world. Each member of the Cascade Dafo team is deeply committed to creating innovative orthoses unmatched in quality, fit and function. Their goal: the best possible patient outcome, one patient at a time.

As the leader in innovation, design, and manufacturing of dynamic orthoses for children, they are focused on the mobility challenges of young patients. Cascade Dafo is passionate about helping children lead healthier, happier lives.

Their products are primarily geared toward pediatric patients, most of whom have neuromuscular challenges, but many adults also benefit from their innovative design concepts. Cascade believes that better mobility gives all children and adults a wider range of experiences, more success in the activities they choose, and ultimately more control over their lives.

effectively. This proves to be very useful if a DAFO brace needs re-fabricating.

Loretta Sheldon, Director of Business Development and Education, recalls a past instance where re-fabricating was necessary: “the digital technology allowed us to look through the layers of modification to unravel the root of the problem. That, in combination with a conversation with the practitioner and a video of the patient, we were able to quickly come up with a good solution, using information we could rely on.”



When asked why *Canfit* ∞ was chosen over other CAD/CAM providers, Noah Wass, from Research and Development, answered “it was the easiest to use. There were also no restrictions in how we used the software, and this was big for us.”

Although they admit that the transition to digital modifications from traditional hand techniques was challenging, Lane Guffy, who is a Certified O&P Technician, comments that the Vorum support staff is “very willing to take the time to show us how to use certain features of the software and make sure we are comfortable using it.”

In summary, Cascade DAFO has demonstrated how *Canfit* ∞ has become an integral part of their company. You too, can have increased accessibility, efficient and reliable products that the *Canfit* ∞ system provides, while being supported by a knowledgeable staff who want you to achieve your business goals.