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PATIENT HANDLING

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Patient Lift Slings

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Provides a total weight bearing capacity of 600 lbs (272 kg).

POWERED BY
drive

WARNINGS

WARNING: Important! Read and understand these instructions before assembling or using the sling. If you do not understand any part of these warnings, cautions or instructions, contact a healthcare professional for direction in the use of this product. If the sling is not properly applied, personal injury and damage to the sling could result.

WARNING: If components are damaged or missing, contact your authorized distributor immediately.

WARNING: Carefully inspect the sling before each use for wear and damage to seams, fabric, straps, and strap loops. Torn, cut, frayed or broken slings can fail, resulting in serious personal injury to the user. Use only slings that are in good condition. Discard and destroy old, unusable slings.

WARNING: DO NOT exceed the sling's maximum weight capacity.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FULL BODY SLINGS

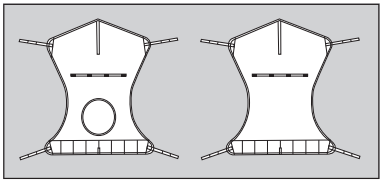
McKesson slings are made to support a patient during lift and transfer procedures. The slings are reinforced at all points of attachment to ensure maximum safety. The sling fabrics resist deterioration from exposure to moisture and laundering.

FABRIC

The outer side of the sling features a "handle" for assistance in positioning the patient in a wheelchair, commode, etc.

CAUTION: Always place the sling under the patient with the handle away from the patient. Laundering should be done with dark colors. Refer to the washing instructions on the sling label.

Full body slings are constructed with a high back section that provides additional support for the head and neck and a padded under thigh section for added comfort.



POSITIONING THE FULL BODY SLING ON THE MATTRESS

1. Position the patient in the center of the bed and laying flat on his/her back.
2. Fold the sling in half (length wise) and place the sling beside the patient. (see figure 1)

NOTE: The closed end or commode opening of the sling with positioning handle should be facing the patient when folded.

1. The top edge of the sling should be slightly above the patient's head.
2. The bottom edge of the sling should be a few inches above the back of the patient's knees.

NOTE: McKesson recommends that two (2) assistants be used when positioning the patient on a sling. The bed rails may be raised to minimize patient movement.

3. With one (1) assistant holding the patient, the second assistant pushes the folded sling under the patient without rolling him/her over.

POSITIONING THE PATIENT ON THE SLING WITH OR WITHOUT COMMODE OPENING

NOTE: Use the following method to easily move the patient and avoid strain to yourself.

1. If the patient is to roll to their left side, then elevate the patient's right knee until the right foot is flat on the bed (see figure 2).

NOTE: McKesson recommends that two (2) assistants be used when positioning the patient onto a sling.

1. With an assistant on each side of the bed and up against the mattress, the assistant on the left hand side of the bed will position his/her right hand on the elevated knee and his/her left hand under the patient's right shoulder, slowly push on the knee and assist with a slight lift of the shoulder. The patient will easily roll onto their side.
2. With the patient on their side, push the fabrics of the seat and back gently under them.

NOTE: The patient's head should be positioned in the headrest just below the top edge for maximum comfort and the lower edge of the seat section positioned a few inches above the back of the patient's knees.

3. Roll the patient on to his/her back (figure 3).

NOTE: Assistants will reverse roles.

1. After the patient has been positioned on his/her back, roll the patient to their right side (facing the assistant on the left).
2. With an assistant on each side of the bed and up against the mattress, the assistant on the right side of the bed will elevate the left knee and position his/her right hand under the patient's left shoulder, slowly push on the knee and assist with a slight lift of the shoulder and the patient will easily roll onto their side.
3. Pull the fabrics of the seat and back across the mattress until they are smooth.
4. Roll the patient onto their back and they should be approximately centered on the sling.
5. Position the lift for use.

NOTE: The lift must be positioned for use before the slings can be attached.

FIGURE 1

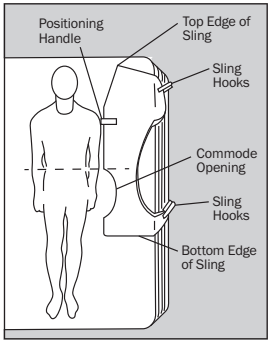


FIGURE 2

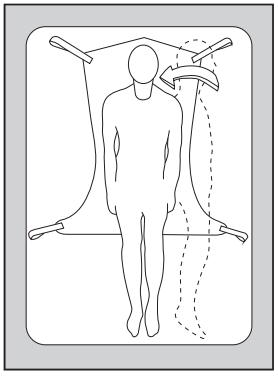
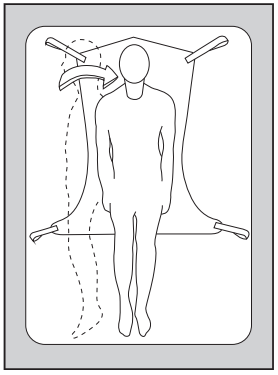


FIGURE 3



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL OTHER SLINGS

1. Arrange all items for a smooth transfer — lifter, sling, wheelchair.
2. Patient should be in center of twin size bed or to one side of double size bed.

MODELS: SLING WITH HEAD SUPPORT ONLY

3. Insert head wire into pockets of the back part of the seat. Slip head piece of sling over head wire. Close snaps.
4. Roll patient on side away from attendant. Raise rail, if equipped, on side opposite attendant.

MODELS: COMMODE SEAT AND BACK ONLY

5. Place sling folded half-way under patient so cut-out is just below tail bone.
6. Place wider piece (seat) under patient's thigh so lower edge of seat is up to knees. Place narrower piece (back) just above small of back. If patient is in hospital bed, position seat sling, then elevate head of bed to facilitate placing back piece.

ALL OTHER MODELS

7. Place sling folded half-way under patient so lower edge of seat is slightly below the knees.
8. Roll patient towards attendant. Pull string through (light positioning draw sheet)

MODELS: COMMODE SEAT AND BACK ONLY

9. If patient is in a chair, you may place sling under patient without lifting patient by following these few simple steps:
   a. Have leg flaps open
   b. Have patient lean forward slightly and slide open portion of sling down to seat and lay leg flaps alongside patient's legs.
   c. Grasp leg flap on one side of patient and, while holding against knee pull leg flap forward; repeat with other side until sling is in correct position.
   d. Bring flap under one thigh and insert ring (A) into snap (A). Repeat for other leg, inserting ring (B) into snap (B), thus enclosing a thigh in each leg flap.
   e. If you wish to use the sling without containing the thighs, follow instructions above but bring ring (A) to snap (B) and ring (B) to snap (A), crisscrossing flaps under the leg.
10. It will help to raise the head of bed after sling is positioned if patient is in hospital bed. Steps 11-15 for commode seat and back models ONLY
11. Attach the S-hooks of the chain to the loops of the seat hangers. Hooks should be inserted AWAY from the patient to the outside of the sling.
12. Attach the ends of the chains to the swivel bar hooks. You may hook any link of chain into the swivel bar hook to adjust the height of the sling from floor. Make sure links are equal on each side.
13. Attach the S-hooks of the back in links 1, 2, or 3 as required. Count links to be sure there are the same number on each side. Check to see that S-hooks are hooked all the way into the chains. DO NOT PLACE S-HOOKS OF BACK INTO EXCESS PORTION OF CHAIN BUT INTO LINKS BETWEEN SEAT AND SWIVEL BAR.
14. Patient's arms should be outside chains if possible. He/she may hold onto chains if desired.
15. Check chains and S-hooks to see that they are properly positioned.

STEPS 16-19 FOR OTHER SLINGS WITH CHAINS ONLY (SOLD SEPARATELY)

16. Attach the S-hook closest to this link into the hole of the back part. Attach the S-hook of the opposite end into the hole in the seat part of the sling (one chain attached per side). Make sure the S-hooks are hooked all the way into the holes. Hooks should be inserted AWAY from the patient and to the outside of the sling.

17. Move the lifter so open end of U-base or end of C-base is under side of bed.
18. Hook the 9th link of the chain (painted red) into the end of the swivel bar. Check to see that the links are hooked all the way into the swivel bar. Posture of patient can be changed be varying the link hooked into the swivel bar. It is important that the section of chain from the swivel bar to the patient's back be SHORTER than the section between the swivel bar and the thigh of the patient.
19. Patient's arms may be outside of sling, if desired.

STEPS 20-24
FOR SLINGS WITH WEB STRAPS ONLY

20. S-hooks of the shortest straps of the web straps are hooked into the holes of the back. Make sure S-hooks are hooked all the way into the holes. Hooks should be inserted AWAY from the patient and to the outside of the sling. Hole to use varies for each individual. Practice to see which is more comfortable.
21. Hook the center strap into the top hole of the seat and the last strap into the last hole of the seat. Make sure S-hooks are hooked all the way into the holes. Hooks should be inserted AWAY from the patient to the outside of the sling.
22. Move the lifter so open end of U-base or end of C-base is under one side of bed.
23. Hook the D-rings of the web straps into the swivel bar hooks.
24. Check to see that the lower edge of seat is still close to knees and the S-hooks are still properly positioned.
25. Pump hydraulic jack handle. Partially lift the patient; check S-hooks and swivel bar for proper hook-up. Continue pumping. Steering handle may be held to steady the pumping.
26. Raise patient until buttocks are just clear of the bed. Swing patient's feet off bed and turn patient to face mast. Grasp steering handles and move patient away from bed. Lower patient as soon as he/she is clear of bed to keep center of gravity low. Position patient over chair or commode. You may have to raise him/her from the lower position. U-base or C-base fits around chair. Wheelchair may be brought and positioned under patient. Lock wheelchair prior to lowering patient into chair.

27a. If the jack has a pin release, press handle SLOWLY towards pump body. Lower patient slowly. Guide his/her decent. Push gently on his/her knees as he/she is being lowered so correct sitting position will result. After reaching seat, press handle against pin and press down on boom.

27b. If the jack has a turn knob release, lower patient by turning the release knob gently to the left. Guide his decent. Push gently on his knees as he is being lowered so correct sitting position will result. After reaching seat, open release knob a turn and press down on boom.

28. Detach web straps/chains from swivel bar and move lifter away. Then remove web straps/chains from sling. Patient may remain on sling or sling may be removed in reverse of above.

TO RETURN PATIENT TO BED

1. Same procedure in reverse. Check to see that S-hooks are properly positioned in sling. Make sure S-hooks are not caught on chair arms as patient is being lifted.
2. Center patient over bed and lower gently.

USING SLING FOR COMMODE USE

1. Keep web straps or chains taut to hold patient in a comfortable sitting position.
2. Adjust clothing before moving lifter to straddle commode.

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Machine wash in warm or cold water.
   a. Maximum washing temperature 105ºF
   b. Air dry or tumble dry at cool or very low temperature
   c. Do NOT tumble dry at high temperature.
2. Use non-enzyme detergent.
3. DO NOT USE BLEACH!
4. DO NOT wash with other colors.

USE CARE, DISCRETION AND COMMON SENSE TO DETERMINE IF A SEVERELY SPASTIC OR HANDICAPPED PERSON CAN BE LIFTED WITH A McKESSON LIFTER.

WARNING

ALWAYS CHECK SLINGS BEFORE USE. BLEACHED, TORN, CUT, FRAYED OR BROKEN SLINGS ARE UNSAFE AND COULD RESULT IN INJURY. DESTROY AND DISCARD. DO NOT ALTER SLINGS.

WARNING

DO NOT WASH SLINGS WITH BLEACH. BLEACH WILL DAMAGE MATERIAL. SLINGS CAN SUFFER DAMAGE DURING WASHING AND DRYING.