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User Manual

AMPUTEE TOILETING SLING (WILLOW RANGE)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Symbols in use



Read all warnings in the Instructions for use



Manufacturers details



Prior to use: -

- Ensure you are aware of the hoist manufacturer's fitting instructions
- Inspect the sling for wear and damage, with particular attention being paid to the body of the sling, webbings and stitch lines.
- If the sling has a head support fitted ensure the 2 head support stays are correctly in place.
- If following inspection, there is any doubt, (points 1-3) the sling should be placed aside and not used, then reported to the matron.

User Instruction

How to fit from a seated position

- 1) Place the sling behind the patient by pushing the back support down to the point at which the padded area sits just under the arm.
- 2) Then bring the main body of the sling under the arms making sure that the sling is central on the body.
- 3) Close the safety belt around the waist, feeding one belt through the loop on the other belt, thus retaining them in place with the Velcro.
- 4) Close the belt buckle at approximately the naval.
- 5) Tighten the belt with the adjusting strap on the buckle being careful not to over tighten.
- 6) Make sure the belt is securely fitted and the patient is comfortable.
- 7) Raise each leg individually and gradually feed the leg straps under each leg, ensuring no fabric twists are evident. For a more comfortable seating position, pass one leg webbing through the small loop on the end of the other leg. With the sling now in place, attach the desired loops to the hooks on the spreader bar to replicate the sitting position. The straps should be positioned accordingly; subsequently the tension on all four straps should take at the same time.
- 8) Make sure that the loops selected are the same on each side of the sling and ensure that they are still securely attached before lifting the patient. The person can now be lifted as required. The elasticated pocket is designed to support the amputated limb and prevent it from slipping through the aperture during lifting and transportation. Prior to toileting, the elasticated pocket should be peeled back to allow access for toileting. The elasticated pocket should be put back in to place prior to transportation. To remove the sling, carry out the fitting procedure in reverse. Important – **always peel the sling away from the person – this avoids skin friction.**





An assessment **MUST** be carried on all toileting slings, as it can be dangerous when used on the wrong patient.



PLEASE NOTE: To avoid damage in laundering, please ensure any back stays are removed and any Velcro fittings are closed during washing. Replace back stays after washing.

The safe working load and serial numbers are embroidered onto the slings centre tab – **DO NOT** use this tab as a handle or for any lifting assistance.

Washing Instructions:

- The sling can be machine or hand washed in a mild soap solution
- Temperatures up to 85°C with a final rinse.
- If tumble drying is necessary – use a low heat setting.
- **DO NOT** use any corrosive cleaning agents on the sling to clean



For the safety of the patient and the carer, before using the sling, a full risk assessment must be conducted to ensure that the correct sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been determined for the patient.

Check sling before each use, bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings are unsafe and could result in serious injury or death to the patient.

**DESTROY AND DISCARD WORN SLINGS / DO NOT ALTER SLINGS
NEVER LEAVE A PATIENT UNATTENDED**

PLEASE ENSURE THE SLING, IF LEFT CONNECTED TO THE HOIST SYSTEM IN USE, IS SECURED TO THE SYSTEM WHEREBY ANY MINOR CANNOT INADVERTENTLY INJURE THEMSELVES.

PLEASE STORE THE SLING IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER TO ENSURE IT HAS NO MEANS OF BEING DAMAGED WHILST NOT IN USE OR HAS THE ABILITY TO BECOME A MEANS OF AN INTRODUCTION OF RISK FOR UNINTENDED USERS SUCH AS MINORS PLAYING ON THE SLING AND THE SYSTEM IT IS ATTACHED TO.

Operating environment:

The slings are textile based and contain no electrical / electronic installed systems. The slings are used, and can only be used, within the same working environment as the mobile and ceiling hoists to which they are an accessory for use with.

Contra-indications

There are no contra indications associated with the use of the ranges of Slings manufactured. The sling is transient in its use and only in contact with uncovered skin for a very short period (5 to 10 minutes' maximum), the sling is not an active device and is non-invasive.

Cautions

There are no user medical cautions but as will all devices, the IFU should be read at all times and the limitations of the device understood regarding the usability of the slings.

Intended use

This is derived through the information on the previous pages.

Standards Applied

The following standards are applied to the product:

- BS EN ISO 10535 – Hoists for the transfer of disabled persons – Requirements and Test Methods
- LOLER - Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations” (LOLER 5 Dec 1998),



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