

MEDesign® Patient Support Belt

Product Reference: PSB1/2/3



Description

The Patient Support Belt may be used for assisting people to move in many situations such as helping to stand or sit, whilst walking, during pivot transfers on a turntable or whilst using a transfer board. The generous width offers greater support and the padding ensures greater comfort. It is easily fitted and the four sewn-in handholds offer high versatility and security.

Use

Slide Catch A towards the end of Strap C.

Position the belt around the waist of the patient/client so that the front loops are roughly equidistant from the front centre.

Push Catch A firmly into Socket B.

Pull on Strap C, horizontally away from Catch A, until the belt is a snug fit.

This should be tight enough to lend stability to the transfer process, but not so tight as to cause discomfort to the patient/client.

To release belt, squeeze on the prongs of Catch A and they will disengage from Socket B.



Warnings

DO NOT use this belt to lift. Only use it as an aid to transferring.

DO NOT put your hands through the control loops. Grasp them.

Put the belt around the patient/client NEVER around yourself.

If the patient cannot provide a significant part of the standing effort, DO NOT use any type of belt to assist him/her to their feet. Either slide them from one place to another or use a hoist.

If you find yourself taking more than the weight of 10 - 15kg, put the patient down as quickly as possible.

DO NOT try to continue supporting them, even for a second.

If in doubt about any procedure - consult your moving and handling adviser.

Inspection, Care and Cleaning

Inspect the Support Belt before each use to ensure it is whole and undamaged and safe to use. If in doubt do not use. Clean the belt after each use with an approved detergent, rinse well and dry thoroughly. Do not Autoclave a Support Belt, do not irradiate it. For infection control purposes, the belt can be laundered following Health Service Guidelines HSG (95) 18.

Caution

The risks associated with moving and handling patients are complex. Approved handling techniques must be used and then only after a full assessment of the patient, the task and the particular environment in which the procedure is to take place. This assessment supersedes the general instructions in any literature. MEDesign® cannot accept responsibility for any consequences which may result from decisions made solely upon the basis of advice given herein.

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