

MEDesign® Patient Support Belt

Product Codes/MPNs: See below



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.

Three sizes:

Code PSB1: To Fit Waist 22-32" (56-81cm)

Code PSB2: To Fit Waist 30-46" (71-115cm)

Code PSB3: To Fit Waist 40-56" (101-141cm)



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.

The fit 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 control movement and stability when transferring. DO NOT put or slide your hands through the control loops. The loops should always be grasped. If a client trips or falls you must be able to let go of the belt and not become involved in the fall since this could lead to both parties being injured. Put the belt around the patient/client NEVER around yourself. If the patient or client cannot provide the majority of 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 supporting a load of more than the weight of 10 - 15kg (a bag of groceries), 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. Check the belt for signs of tearing or fraying, examine the seams to ensure all stitching is intact. Check the buckle parts for signs of cracks or other damage. Remove from service immediately if the inspection reveals any issues. 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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