

Standing Sling Application

This sling can only be used with a single track Ceiling Track Lift OR a powered gantry Ceiling Track Lift system which stays fixed in place until moved by the operator. Read entire Safe Work Procedure before proceeding.

This sling cannot be used with manual gantry Ceiling Track Lift systems which automatically move with the patient's movement.

Instructions

Patient seated in wheelchair or on bed:

Position the sling behind the patient with the white quilted side against the patient. Place the lower edge of the sling back section at the patient's buttocks.

Leg bands:

Draw the complete right leg section under the patient's right upper thigh and buttocks, flattening the fabric under the thigh.

Repeat on the left side.

Bring the inner flaps up between the thighs and place over the respective thighs. Place the outer flaps around the thighs and overlap the inner flaps.

Connect the four buckles and adjust the leg straps to give a firm, snug fit.

Chest straps:

Place the chest band around the patient from back to front. Overlap the short chest flap section with the long chest flap.

Connect the two buckles and adjust the chest straps to give a firm snug fit.



Safety Points

The sling should be positioned low, close to the pelvis, so that it doesn't cause discomfort under the patient's arms.

The patient will need to raise their buttock off the surface to place the leg section of the sling under the buttock and thigh. Caregiver can provide minimal assistance for the patient to lean to one side but should not lift the patient to place the sling.

Ensure that the sling remains flat under the patient's thigh so that wrinkles do not cause increased pressure on the patient's skin.

Instructions

Attaching the straps:

Position the carry bar horizontal to the patient's shoulders.

Lower the carry bar to approximately the patient's eye level (when seated). Attach all 4 straps to the carry bar using loops of the same colour.

Ensure both straps are in front of the patient's arms on both sides.

Lifting the patient:

Ensure that the patient is positioned at right angles to the track.

Block the patient's knees with the bed, treatment table or standing frame, etc.

Raise the carry bar such that the straps begin to tighten. Check to ensure that all straps are connected to the carry bar prior to proceeding

Continue to raise the patient to a standing position.

Lowering the patient:

Instruct the patient to lean forward as you lower them back into a seated position.

Safety Points

Ensure that the ceiling track lift motor is positioned ahead of the patient to assist in pulling him forward to standing.

Ensure that **both** straps on both the **right and left side** are ahead of the patient's arms/shoulders to avoid pressure on the shoulder from the back strap.

The sling should feel comfortable while the lift is raising; if not, lower the patient and readjust the straps and/or leg bands.

Ensure that the patient is not raised too high.

Ensure carry bar is lowered to eye level when removing straps.

