



Instructions for Use

General Purpose Loop Slings

General Information


Go Disposable Slings are designed to be used in conjunction with a mechanical patient lifting device for the safe lifting and repositioning of the patient.

The sling should be positioned around the patient in accordance with the instructions overleaf and attached to the slingbar of the hoist in accordance with the hoist manufacturer's instructions.

This is a disposable product and should not be machine washed, recycled or redistributed.


Prior to each use

- Check patient does not exceed either the maximum load of sling or the maximum load of the hoisting equipment.
- Check wash indicator and dispose of sling if it has been machine washed.
- Check that lifting equipment is fitted with suitable fixing points for the type of sling (see compatibility section)
- Visually inspect all parts of the sling including fabric, seams, stitching, webbing straps and clips. Dispose of the sling if there is any sign of damage or excessive wear.


 Do not use any sling showing signs of damage or excessive wear.

Safe Working Load

Go Disposable Slings are approved for a load of up to 300kg.

 Check the maximum load of both the hoist and the sling and ensure the lower of the two limits is not exceeded.

Compatibility

 A full risk assessment must be carried out by a suitably qualified individual before any sling is selected to ensure safety for both patient and carer.

LOOPED WEBBING ATTACHMENTS

Slings fitted with looped webbing attachments are compatible with all 2, 4 or 6 point, loop and hook sling bar lifting systems, subject to a risk assessment.

Wash Indicator


Go Disposable Slings must not be reused after machine washing. If the sling is inadvertently washed or immersed in water, the wash label disintegrates to reveal the "Do Not Use" indicator. The wash indicator appears as follows:

Prior to machine washing:



After machine washing:




 Do not use this sling after it has been machine washed

The sling fabric is made from 100% polyester. Webbing straps are 100% polypropylene.

Sling fitting

See reverse of this sheet for general fitting instructions

 These instructions are intended as a general guide only. The requirements of individual sling users should be assessed by a competent and qualified individual.

Fitting Guide

A risk assessment must be done prior to using this sling.

Please see the Lisclare Lifting, Transferring & Repositioning brochure for full details of sling sizing, colour coding and product codes.

1. Fit the sling by placing it behind the patient with the labels and handles away from the patient.
2. Ensure that the commode aperture reaches just below the coccyx.
3. Leave the back of the sling at a low level, don't bring up to shoulder level at this stage.
4. Bring the leg sections along each side to the front ensuring that they are tucked under the sides of the thigh.
5. Check that both leg sections are at equal length to the front of the patient.
6. Feed each leg section under the leg and between the thighs, keeping the material flat.
7. Lift the leg sections between the thighs towards the hangar (spreader) bar, crossing one section through the lowest loop on the opposite leg section.
8. Bring up the back of the sling that was left at lower level, without pulling it out from under the coccyx.
9. Attach the loops onto the hanger bar. The appropriate colour coded loops for the patient should be selected through assessment by a moving and handling professional. The standard choices are blue for the shoulders and yellow for the legs. For amputees, use blue loops for both shoulders and legs as the standard.
10. For above the knee amputees, skip points 6 and 7. Instead, pass each leg section under the legs, with one section over the other. Each leg section is then passed through the smaller loops fitted on both sides of the sling fabric, just below the shoulder loops. One section will go through a loop on the inside and the other through a loop on the outside of the sling.

Expected Lifetime

This sling is designed as a disposable product to be used with the specific patient it has been assigned to for a limited period. The sling should be disposed of if it becomes soiled, damaged, or the patient no longer requires it.

Use of excessive force when positioning the patient can weaken or damage the sling fabric. Should the sling be snagged, wrenched or come into contact with liquids during a transfer the sling should be disposed of immediately after use.

Care Plan

Patient name _____

Sling model _____

Sling size _____