

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Sara Stedy Sara Stedy Compact



WARNING

To avoid injury, always read this Instructions for Use and accompanied documents before using the product.



Mandatory to read the Instructions for Use

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General Information

Thank you for purchasing the Sara Stedy floor lift from Arjo.

Your Sara Stedy is part of a series of quality products designed specially for hospitals, nursing homes and other health care uses.

We are dedicated to serving your needs and providing the best products available along with training that will bring your staff maximum benefit from every Arjo product.

Please read this manual thoroughly, and contact us if you have any questions about the operation or maintenance of your Arjo equipment.

If a serious incident occurs in relation to this medical device, affecting the user, or the patient then the user or patient should report the serious incident to the medical device manufacturer or the distributor. In the European Union, the user should also report the serious incident to the Competent Authority in the member state where they are located.

Foreword

NOTE: Sara Stedy refers to both Sara Stedy and Sara Stedy Compact in this manual.

Please read this manual in its entirety before using your Sara Stedy. The information in this manual is crucial to the proper operation and maintenance of the equipment, and will help protect your product as well as ensure that the equipment performs to your satisfaction. Some of the information in this manual is important for your safety and must be read and understood to help prevent injuries.

WARNING: To avoid injuries that can be attributed to the use of inadequate parts, Arjo strongly advises and warns that only Arjo designated parts should be used on equipment and other appliances supplied by Arjo. Unauthorised modifications on any Arjo equipment may affect its safety. Arjo will not be held responsible for any accidents, incidents or lack of performance that occur as a result of any unauthorised modification to its products.

Tested according to standards: ISO10535:2006

Service and Support

A service routine must be performed on your Sara Stedy by qualified service personnel. This will ensure the safety and good functioning of your product. See section called "Care and Maintenance" in this manual.

General Information

If you require further information, please contact your representative which can offer comprehensive support and service programs to maximize the long-term reliability, safety and value of the product. Contact your local representative for replacement parts.

Additional copies of this manual can be ordered from your local Arjo representative. When ordering, include the *Instructions for Use* product number (see front page) and equipment identification number.

Manufacturer Information

This product has been manufactured by:

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SWEDEN

Definitions Used in this Manual

WARNING:

Means: Failure to understand and follow these instructions may result in injury to yourself and others.

CAUTION:

Means: Failure to follow these instructions may cause damage to the product.

NOTE:

Means: This is important information regarding the correct use of the equipment.

Intended Use

Sara Stedy is a mobile active lift with a safe working load (SWL) of 182 kg (400lb). It is intended to assist caregivers in hospitals, long-term care, nursing homes and home care environments, including private homes.

WARNING: To avoid injury, transfers must only be performed on flat, non-sloping surfaces/floors to prevent the Sara Stedy from tipping over.

Sara Stedy is manufactured to a very high standard and has been designed to quickly and easily transport or transfer patients from one sitting position to another. It is not intended for long periods of sitting or transfer.

Sara Stedy is intended to transfer a patient to/from a chair, wheelchair, a bed and a toilet.

Sara Stedy may also be used as supportive aid when elevating a patient for the purposes of changing wound dressings, incontinence pads or for personal cleansing.

Any references to the “patient” in this document apply equally to a resident at home or in a long term care facility and refer to the person transferred.

Sara Stedy must be used by appropriately trained caregivers with adequate knowledge of the care environment, its common practices and procedures, and in accordance with the guidelines in the Instructions for Use.

Sara Stedy should only be used for the purpose specified in this Instructions for Use. Any other use is prohibited.

General Information

Patient/Resident Assessment

It is recommended that facilities establish regular assessment routines to make sure that caregivers are assessing each patient/residents prior to use.

Before use, the caregiver should always consider the patient's/resident's medical condition as well as physical and mental capabilities.

In addition, the patient/resident must:

- have a maximum weight of 182 kg (400 lb)
- have the ability to stand unaided or stand with minimal assistance
- be able to sit on the edge of the bed
- have a height within the range of
 - 1,49m (4'11") and 1,93m (6'4") for Sara Stedy (NTB2000)
 - 1,38m (4'6") and 1,72m (5'8") for Sara Stedy Compact (NTB3000)

WARNING: To avoid injury, a full clinical assessment of the patient's condition and suitability must be carried out by qualified personnel before attempting to use Sara Stedy.

Installation Requirements

No installation is required.

Expected Service Life

The expected service life of Sara Stedy is the maximum period of useful life.

The expected service life of this equipment is ten (10) years from the date of manufacture subject to preventive maintenance being carried out in accordance with the instructions for care and maintenance found in the Instructions for Use.

Actual service life may vary depending on the frequency of use and conditions.

For the expected service life of the slings, please refer to the active slings IFU.

Sara Stedy Directions

References to left or right in these instructions are as viewed from the caregiver's pushing position, standing at the rear of the Sara Stedy, facing forward.

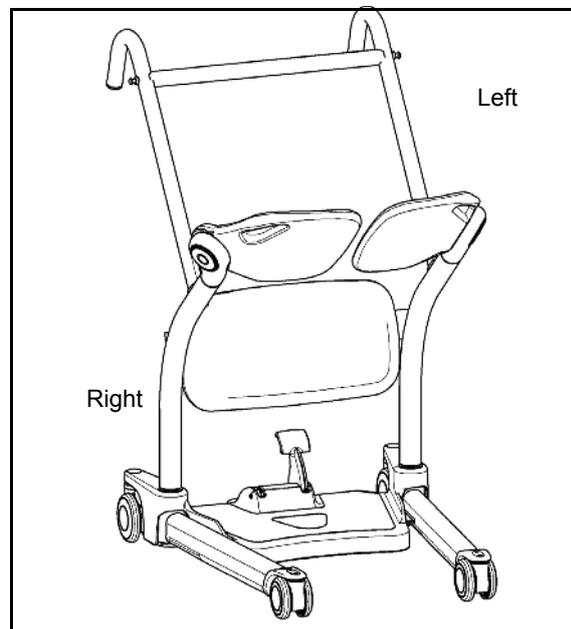


Fig. 1

General Information

Conditions

The unit is cared for and serviced in accordance with the IFU and is maintained to the minimum requirements, published in the “Preventive Maintenance Schedule” section of this manual.

The servicing and product care, in accordance with Arjo requirements, must begin on first use of the unit by the customer. The equipment must be used for its intended purpose only and should be operated within the published limitations. Only Arjo designated spare parts can be used.

WARNING: To avoid patient falling or part malfunction, do not exceed the expected service life, as the manufacturer cannot ensure full safety for a raising and transfer aid.

Equipment Identification

The unit's identification number (specification, model, serial number) appears on a nameplate affixed on the side of the frame.

Verifying the Package Contents

Upon receipt of the equipment, verify it against the packing list to ensure it is complete and inspect the equipment for possible damage due to shipping. If there is any damage, notify the carrier immediately to file a claim. Provide complete information concerning damage claims or shipping errors to your local Arjo representative. Include all equipment identification numbers and group part numbers (if any) as described above along with a full description of damaged parts.

Policy on Number of Staff Members Required for Patient Transfer

Arjo's passive and active series of lifts are designed for safe usage with one caregiver. There are circumstances, such as combativeness, obesity, contractures, etc., of the patient that may dictate the need for a two-person transfer. It is the responsibility of each

facility or medical professional to determine if a one or two-person transfer is more appropriate, based on the task, patient load, environment, capability, and skill level of the staff members.

How to Use this Manual

Information in this IFU is necessary to perform the operation and maintenance of the equipment. It will help to protect your product and make sure that the equipment performs to your satisfaction. The information in this IFU is important for the safety of both patient and caregiver and must be read and understood to help prevent possible injury.

If anything is not completely understood, please contact your local Arjo representative for more details.

Keep this manual with the lift and refer to it as required. Make sure that all operators are regularly trained in the use of the equipment according to the information found therein.

General Information

Symbols Used

Symbol	Key to symbols
	This symbol is accompanied by a date to indicate the date of manufacture and by the address of the manufacturer.
	CE marking indicating conformity with European Community harmonised legislation.
	This symbol is accompanied by the manufacturer's catalogue number.
	This symbol is accompanied by the manufacturer's serial number.
	This symbol refers to the <i>Instructions for Use</i> .
	This symbol indicates a risk of pinching.
	Indicates the product is a Medical Device according to the EU Medical Device Regulation 2017/745.

Fig. 2

Safety Instructions

The equipment must be used in accordance with these safety instructions.

Anyone using the equipment must also have read and understood the instructions in this manual.

If there is anything you are not sure about, contact your local Arjo representative.

General Instructions

Keep these safety instructions with the unit at all times.

Read the *Instructions for Use* before installing, operating, or servicing this equipment.

Sara Steady should only be used for the purpose specified in this IFU. Any other use is prohibited.

WARNING: To avoid injury, always place the sling around the patient according to the instructions enclosed.

Safe Working Load

The Sara Steady has been designed with a capacity of 182 kg (400 lb).

WARNING: To avoid falling, make sure that the patient's weight is lower than the safe working load for all products or accessories being used.

Important Safety Directions

- Always carry out the recommended daily maintenance before using the lift.
- Always maneuver the Sara Steady by using the handles. Do not push on the legs.
- Ensure that you are prepared before attempting to transfer a patient.

WARNING: To avoid the device from tipping and patient falling, do not use the equipment on surfaces not easily rolled over such as steps, thresholds and sidewalks.

- Do not push the lift at a speed which exceeds a slow walking pace (3 km/hour or 0.8 meter/second).
- An assessment of the suitability for transfer of a patient who is connected to electrodes,

Safety Instructions

catheters or other medical devices must be conducted by qualified personnel before performing the transfer.

- This mobile patient lift must be used by a caregiver trained with these instructions and qualified to work with the patient to be transferred and should never be used by patients on their own. Failure to comply may result in a patient fall.
- Avoid any impact during transfer. Impacts can damage and weaken the frame of the Sara Stedy. This could cause the lift to tip over or the patient to fall.
- Ensure the sling is intended to be used for this lift and can take the weight of the patient.
- Ensure the sling is not damaged, torn or frayed.
- Ensure the sling straps are in good condition and properly fastened.
- Replace any precautionary or instruction labels that cannot be easily read.

WARNING: To avoid any Sara Stedy instability or serious injury during transfer, always make sure that the brakes are applied on the Sara Stedy when attempting a transfer.

WARNING: To avoid falling, make sure both seat cushions are pivoted down before the patient is seated.

WARNING: To avoid falling, make sure that the patient is positioned correctly during transfer.

Homecare Environment Considerations

WARNING: The Sara Stedy is not intended to be operated by children. Serious injuries could occur.

NOTE: Rigorous cleaning action should be done when the Sara Stedy is exposed to an animal. Pet hair trapped inside the device can reduce the product performance.

WARNING: This product contains small parts that might present a severe danger to children if swallowed or inhaled.

Equipment Warning Labels

Inspect all precautionary labels on the equipment. Order and replace all labels that cannot be easily read.

Part Designation

Sara Steady

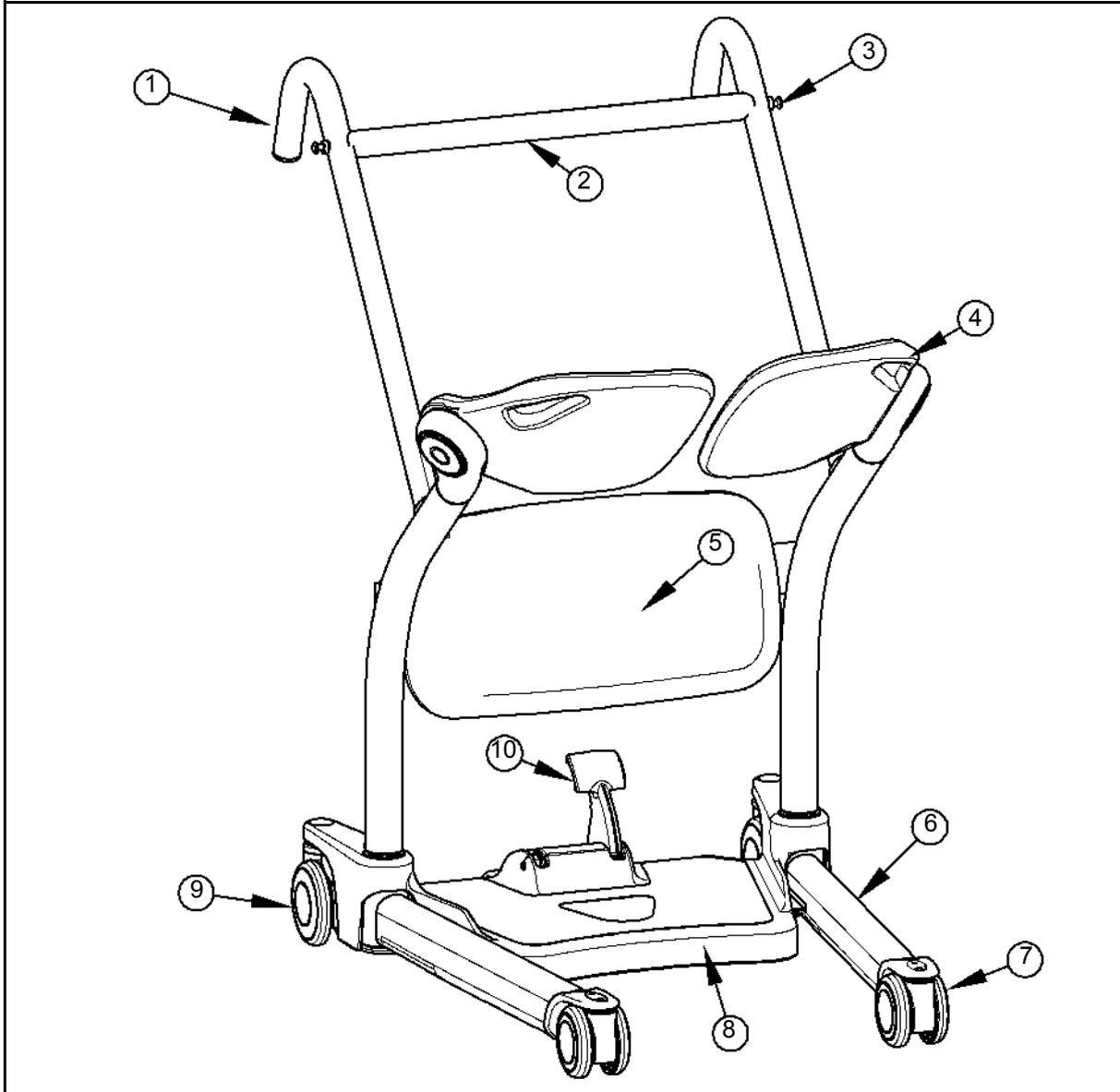


Fig. 3

Legend

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1) Manoeuvring handles | 7) Front castor |
| 2) Crossbar / Handle bar | 8) Footboard / Base |
| 3) Sling attachment lugs | 9) Rear castor with brake |
| 4) Pivoting seat halves / pads / cushions | 10) Leg pivot footlever / Pedal |
| 5) Kneepad | |
| 6) Leg | |

Slings

Compatible Slings

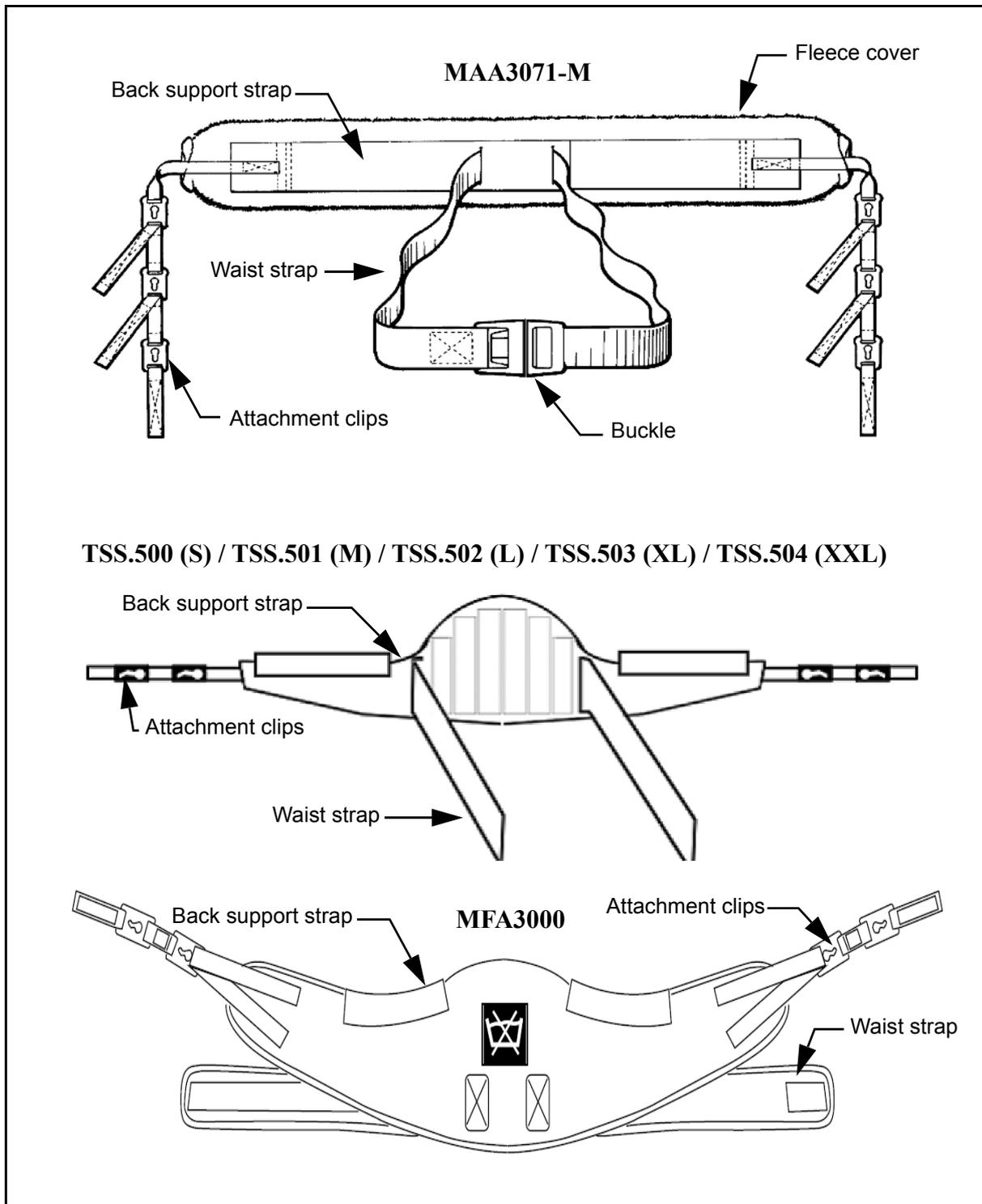


Fig. 4

For more information about sling use, please refer to the documentation that comes with your sling.

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NOTE: Use of sling is optional and dependent on patient assessment.

Using the Sling Attachment Lugs

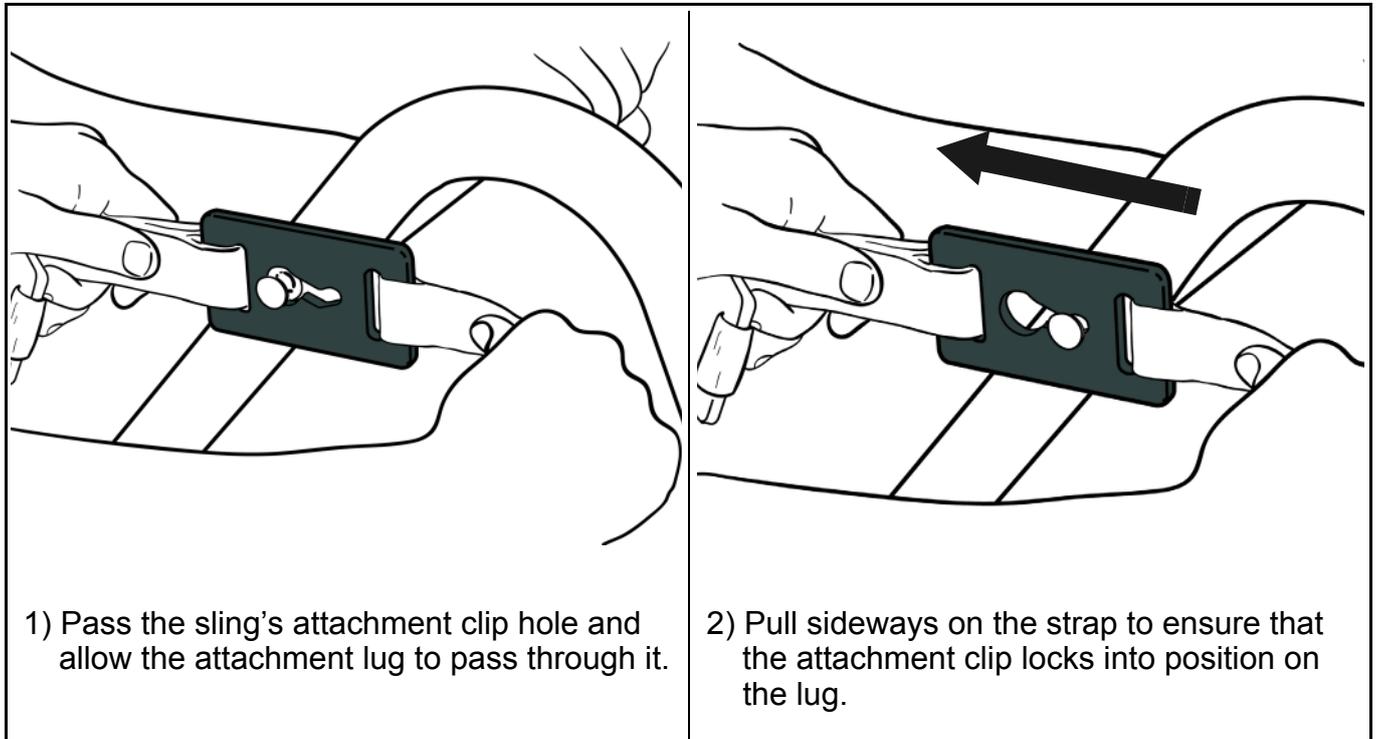


Fig. 5

Pivoting the Cushions

- 1) Hold the seat half by its handle located on its top corner.
- 2) Pivot the seat half either away from the transfer area or into position underneath the patient.

WARNING: To avoid injury, do not put fingers near the seat pivot when pivoting the cushion downwards.

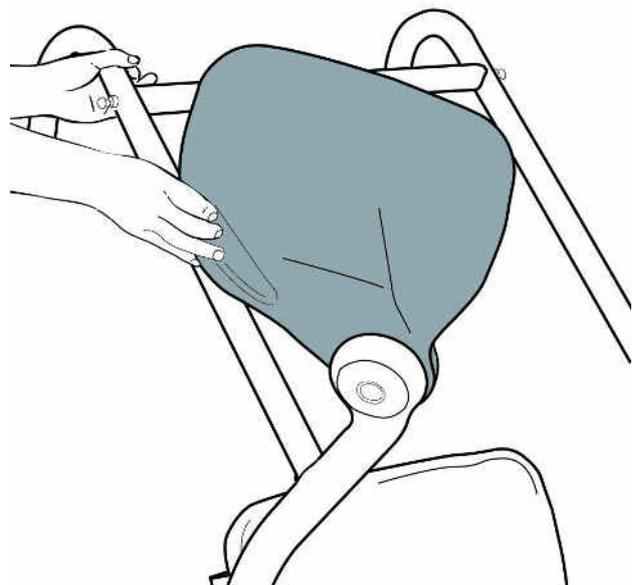


Fig. 6

How to Use the Sara Steady

Opening and Closing the Legs

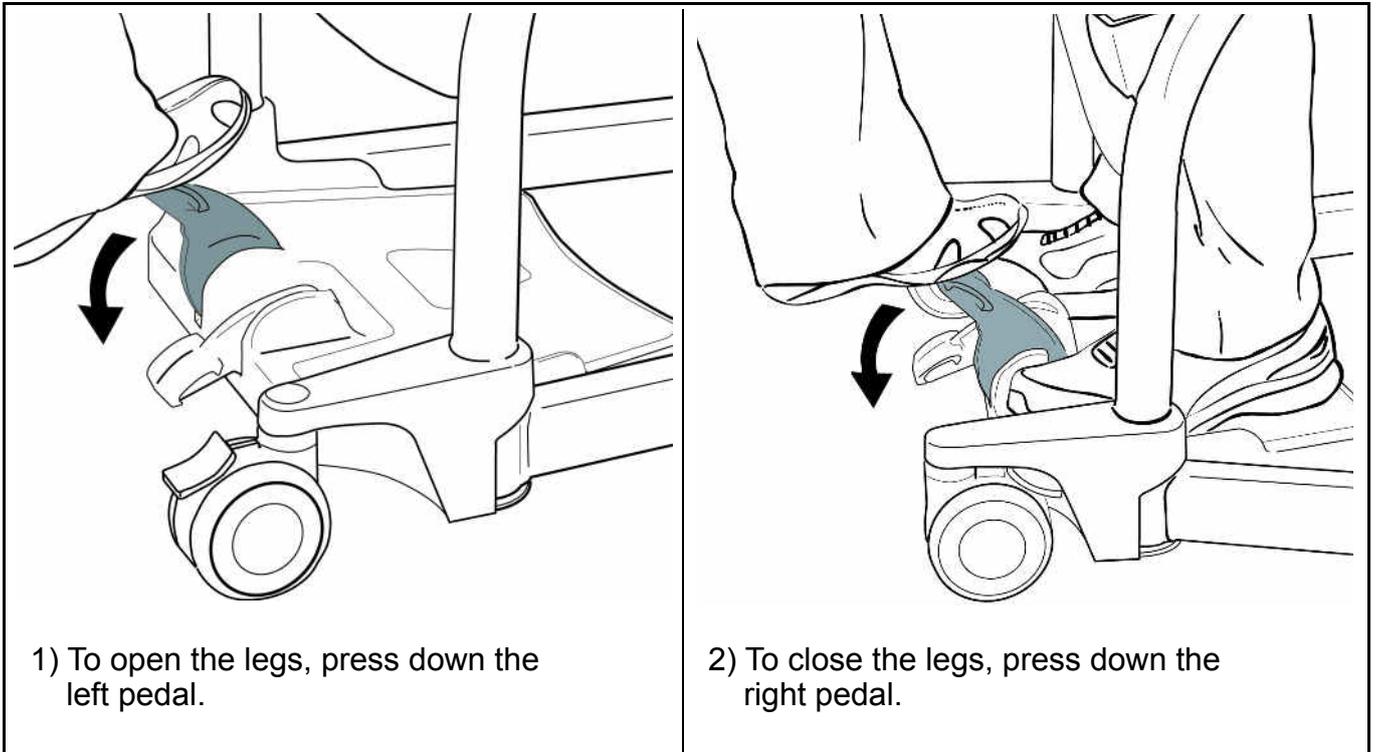


Fig. 7

Applying and Releasing the Brakes on the Rear Castors

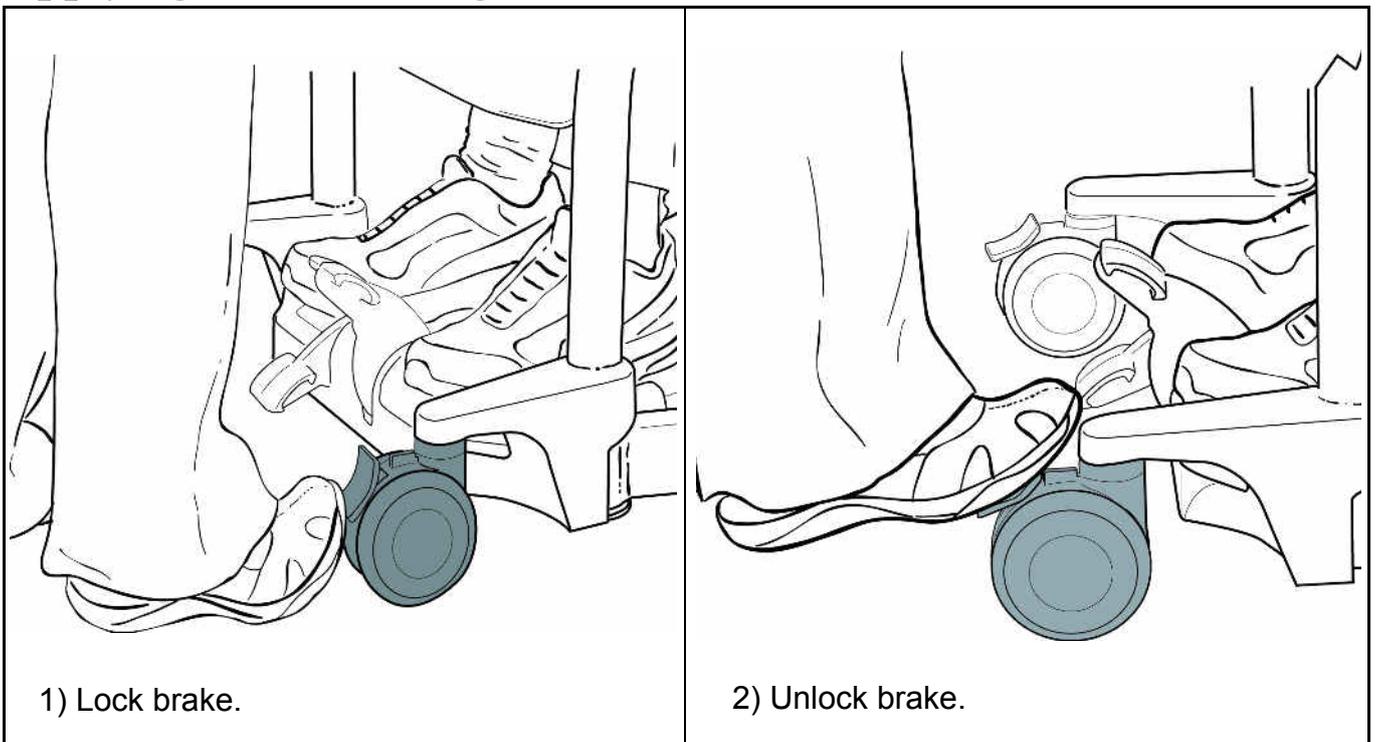


Fig. 8

How to Use the Sara Stedy

Approaching the Patient

Before Transferring the Patient

- Always inform the patient of what you are about to do.
- Ensure that you have the correct model and size of sling at hand if the patient has been assessed as requiring a sling.
- Before an attempt is made to move the patient, an assessment is performed by a qualified professional.

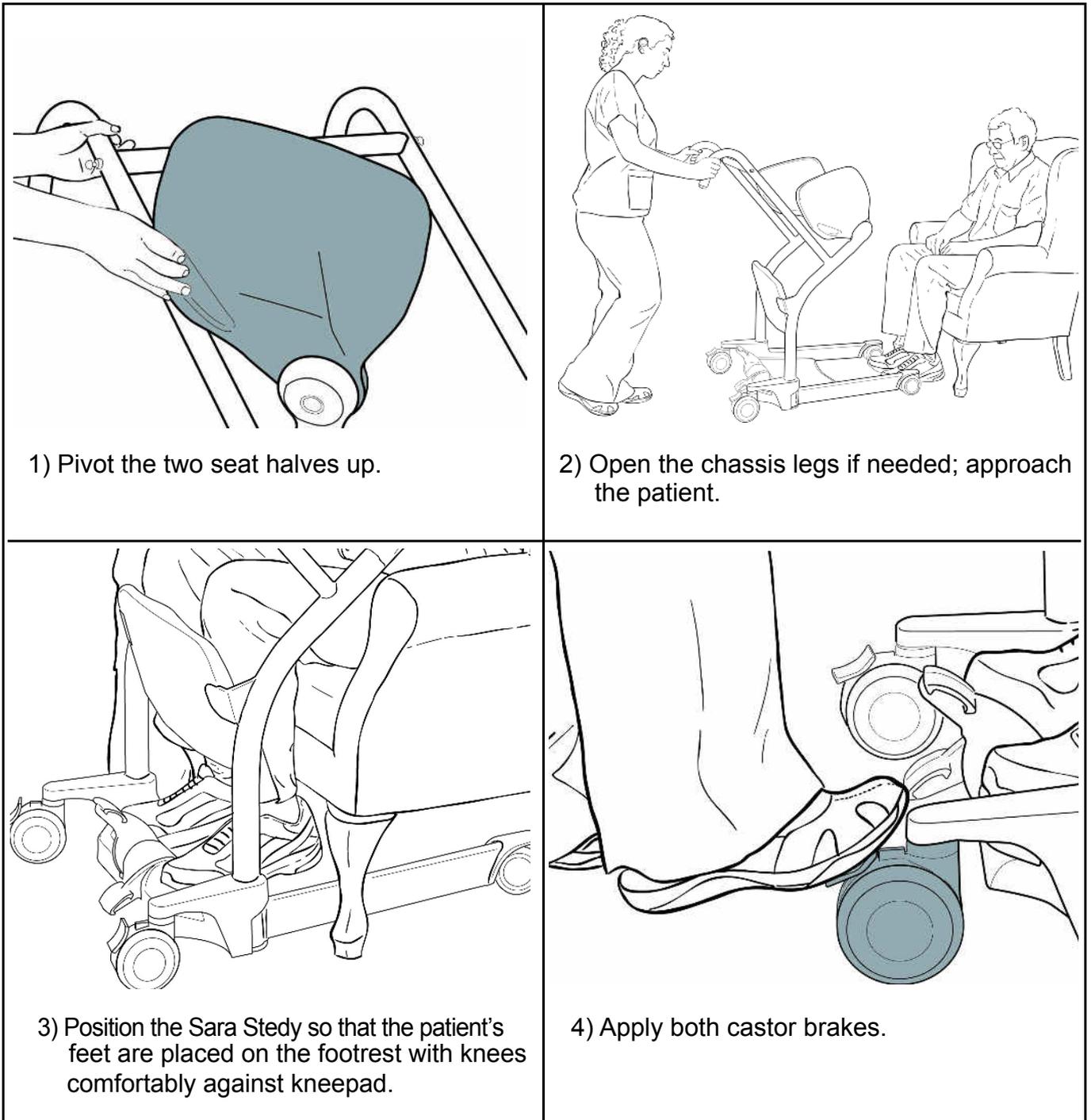


Fig. 9

How to Use the Sara Stedy

Transferring the Patient

Transferring the Patient from a Chair

- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the standing position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

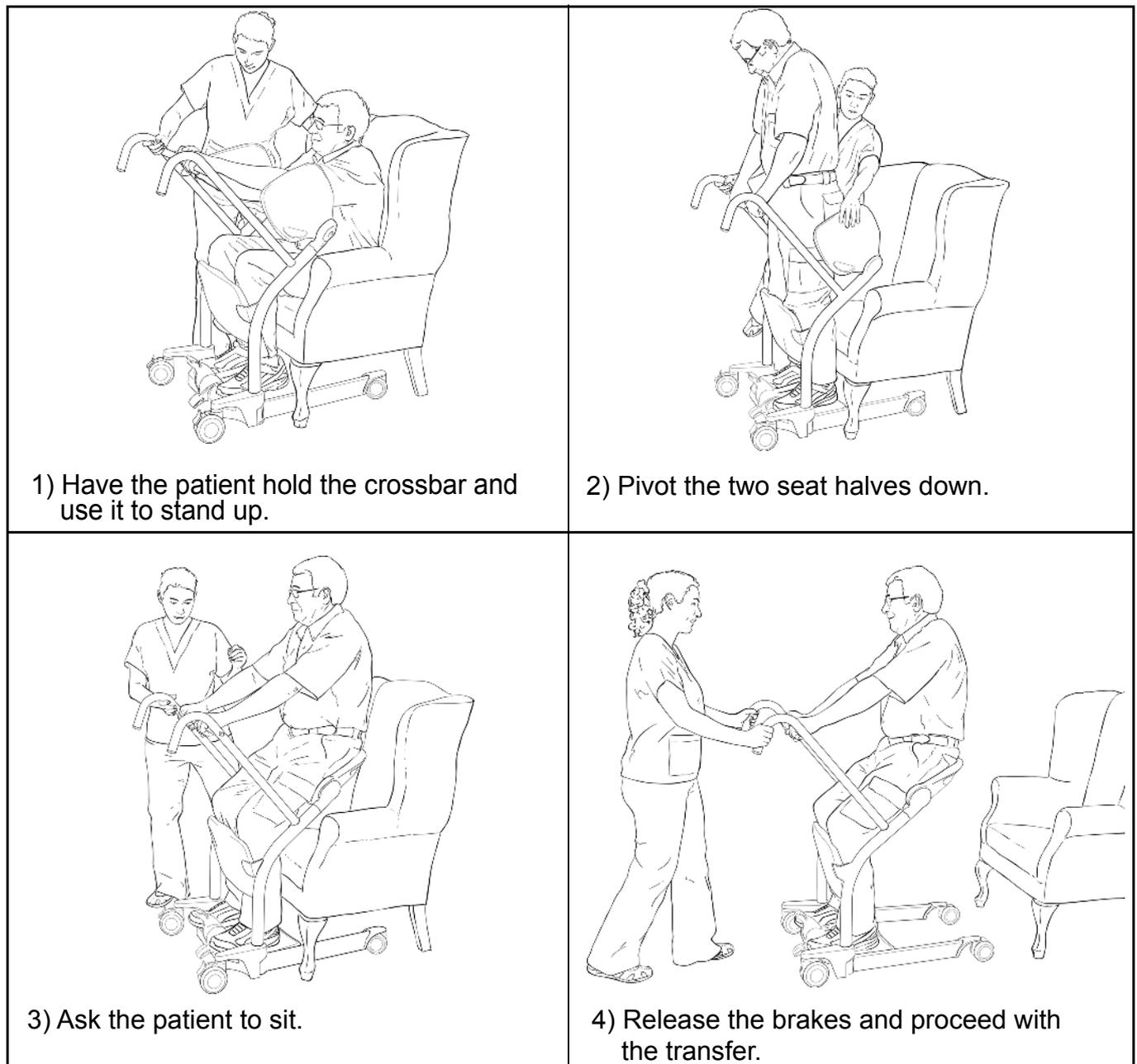


Fig. 10

How to Use the Sara Steady

Transferring the Patient to a Chair

- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the sitting position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

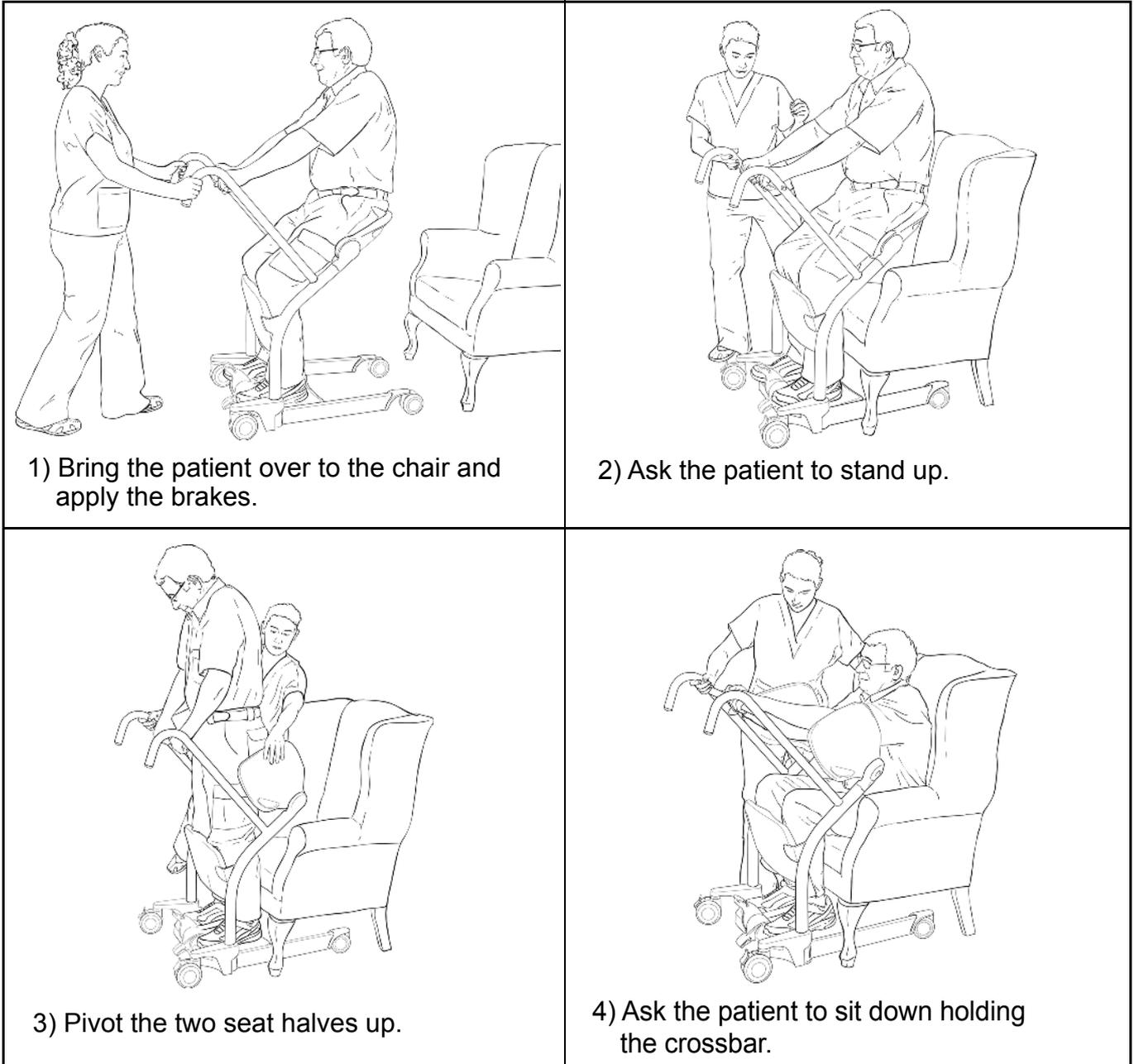


Fig. 11

How to Use the Sara Steady

Transferring the Patient from a Wheelchair

- Make sure to apply the wheelchair brakes.
- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the standing position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.



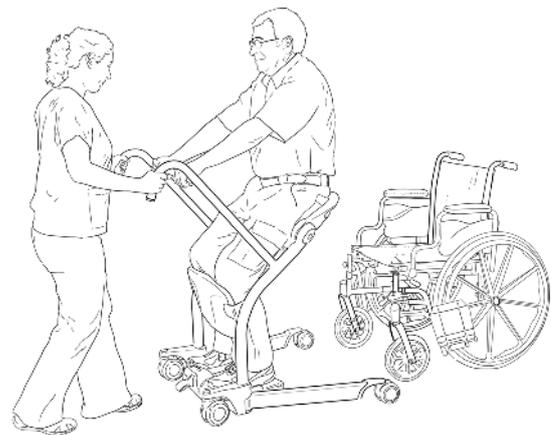
1) Have the patient hold the crossbar and use it to stand up.



2) Pivot the two seat halves down.



3) Ask the patient to sit.



4) Release the brakes and proceed with the transfer.

Fig. 12

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Transferring the Patient to a Wheelchair

- Make sure to apply the wheelchair brakes.
- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the sitting position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

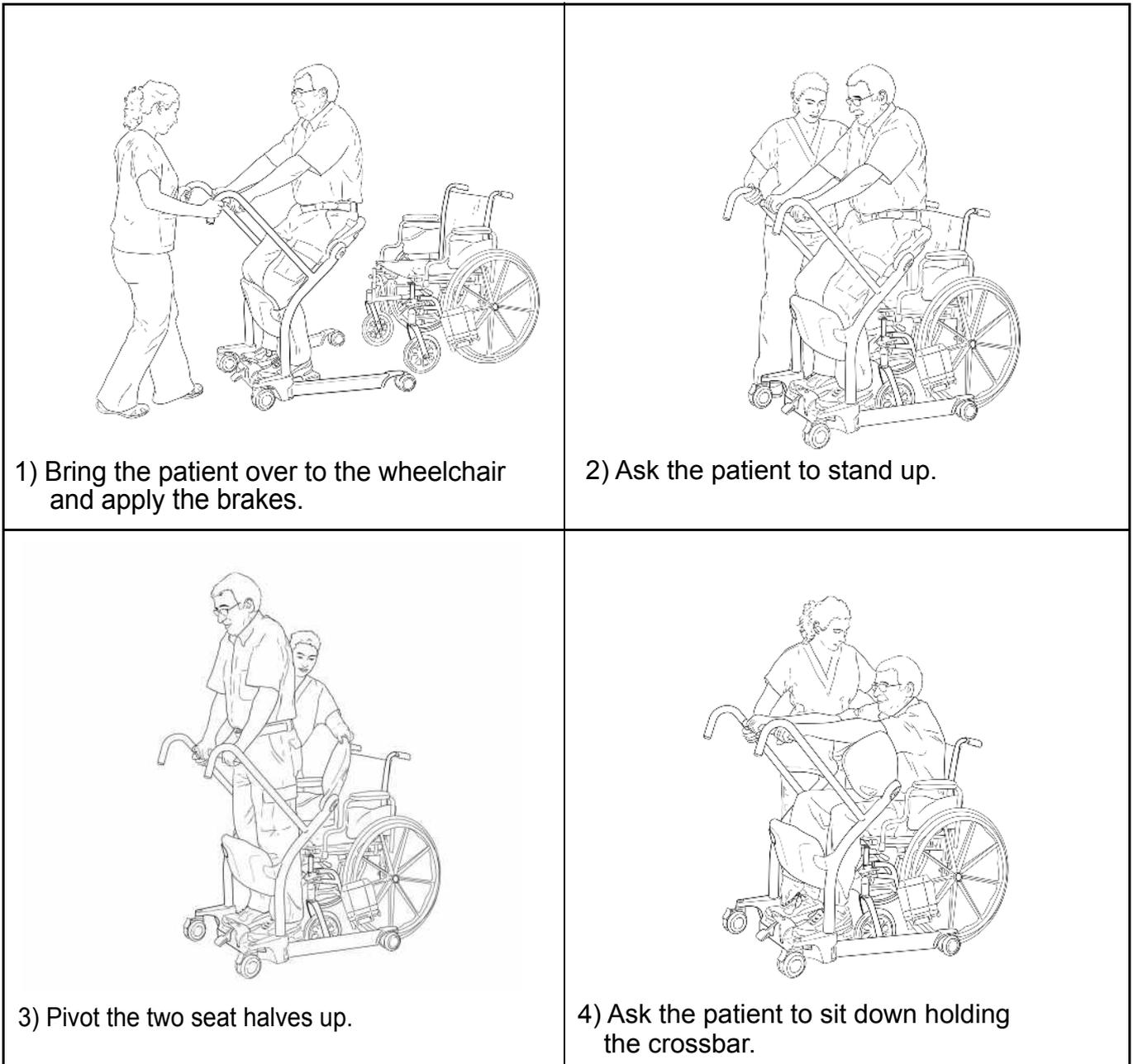


Fig. 13

How to Use the Sara Steady

Transferring the Patient from a Bed

- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the standing position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

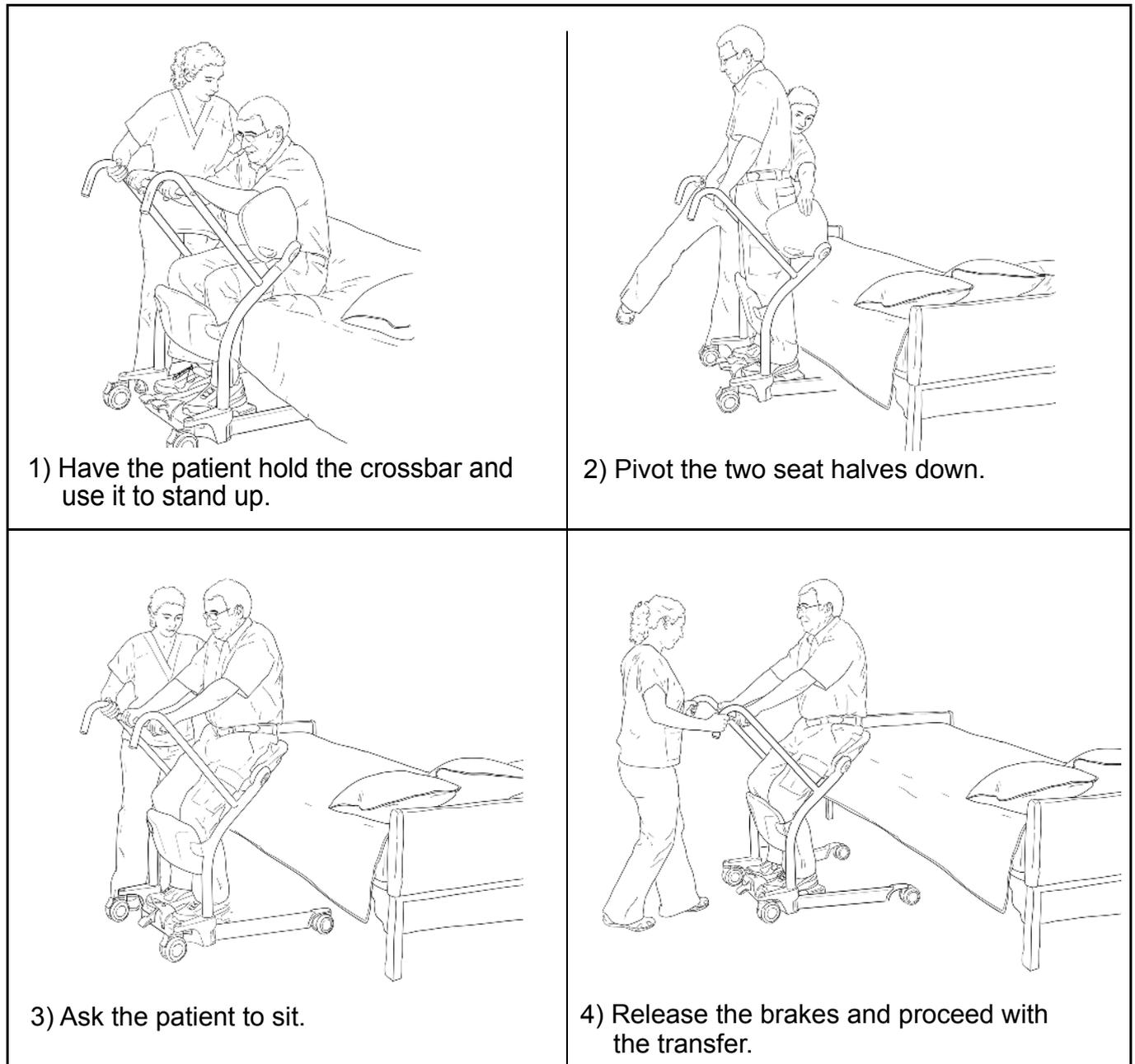


Fig. 14

How to Use the Sara Steady

Transferring the Patient to a Bed

- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the sitting position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

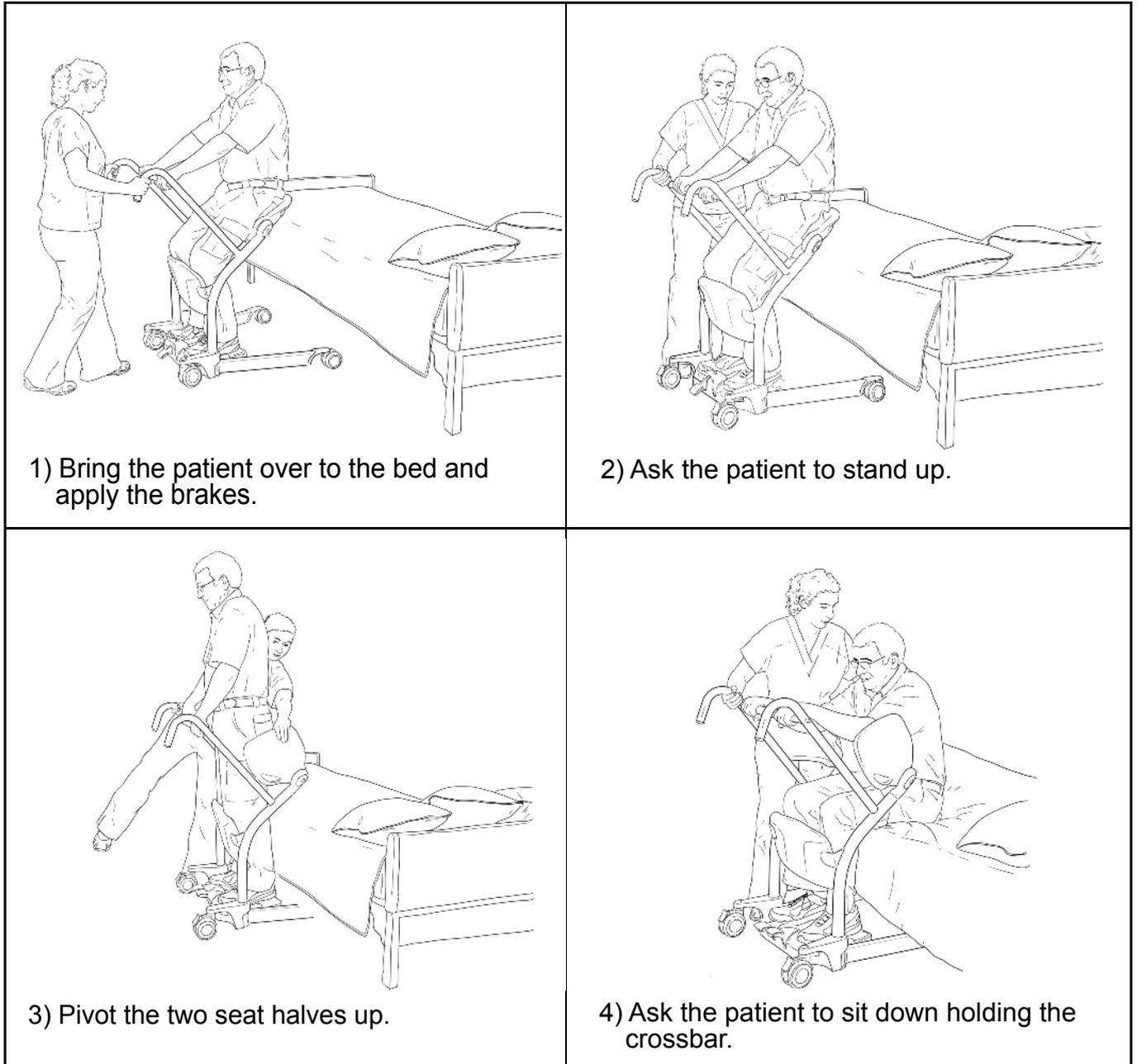


Fig. 15

How to Use the Sara Steady

Transferring the Patient from a Toilet

- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the standing position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

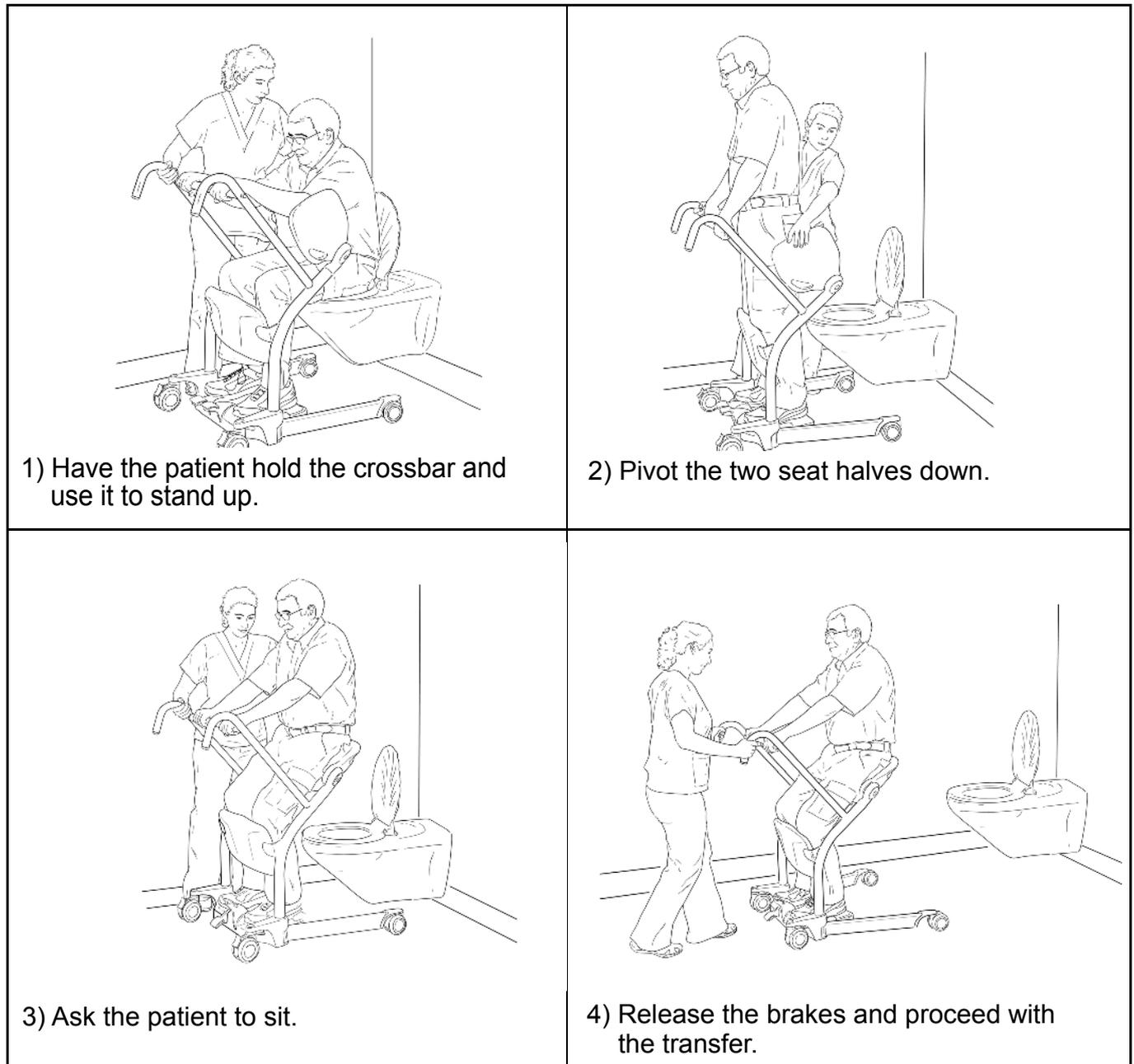


Fig. 16

How to Use the Sara Steady

Transferring the Patient to a Toilet

- Help or encourage the patient to achieve the sitting position.
- The patient's knees should stay in contact with the kneepad, and the patient should sit back on the seat halves during the transfer.

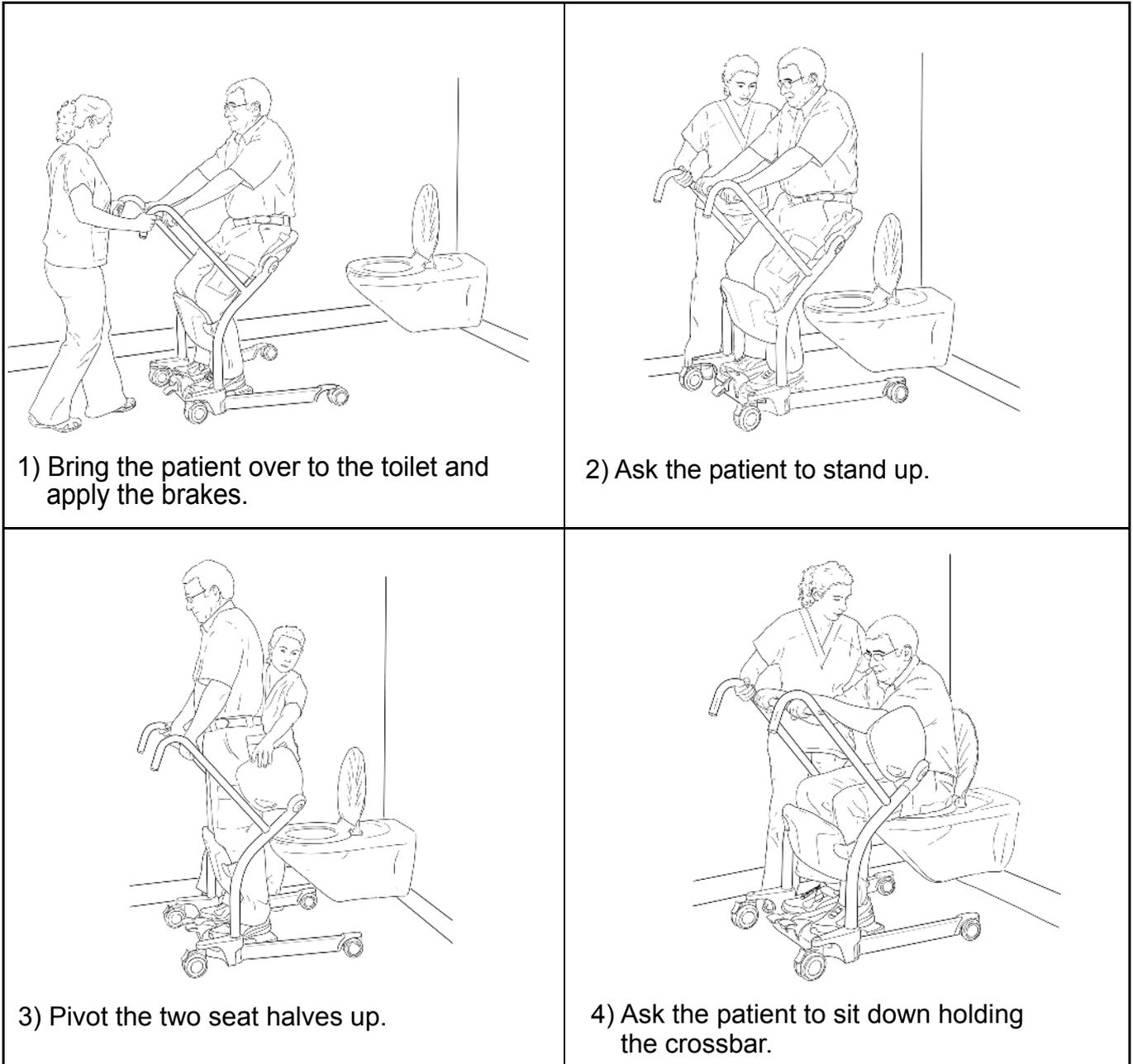


Fig. 17

Transferring the Patient at the Toilet

- Once the patient is in place, apply the castor brakes and ask the patient to stand.
- Remove the patient's clothing as necessary, then pivot the seat halves upwards to allow the patient to lower herself/himself onto the toilet seat. The Sara Steady can thus function as a support frame, improving the patient's confidence.

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Back Support Strap

Using the Back Support Strap

Use of this accessory is recommended where the patient would benefit from extra confidence and support. To use the back support strap:

- Position the strap at around 50 mm (2") above the waistline.
- Be careful not to pull the patient forward too much when connecting the support strap.

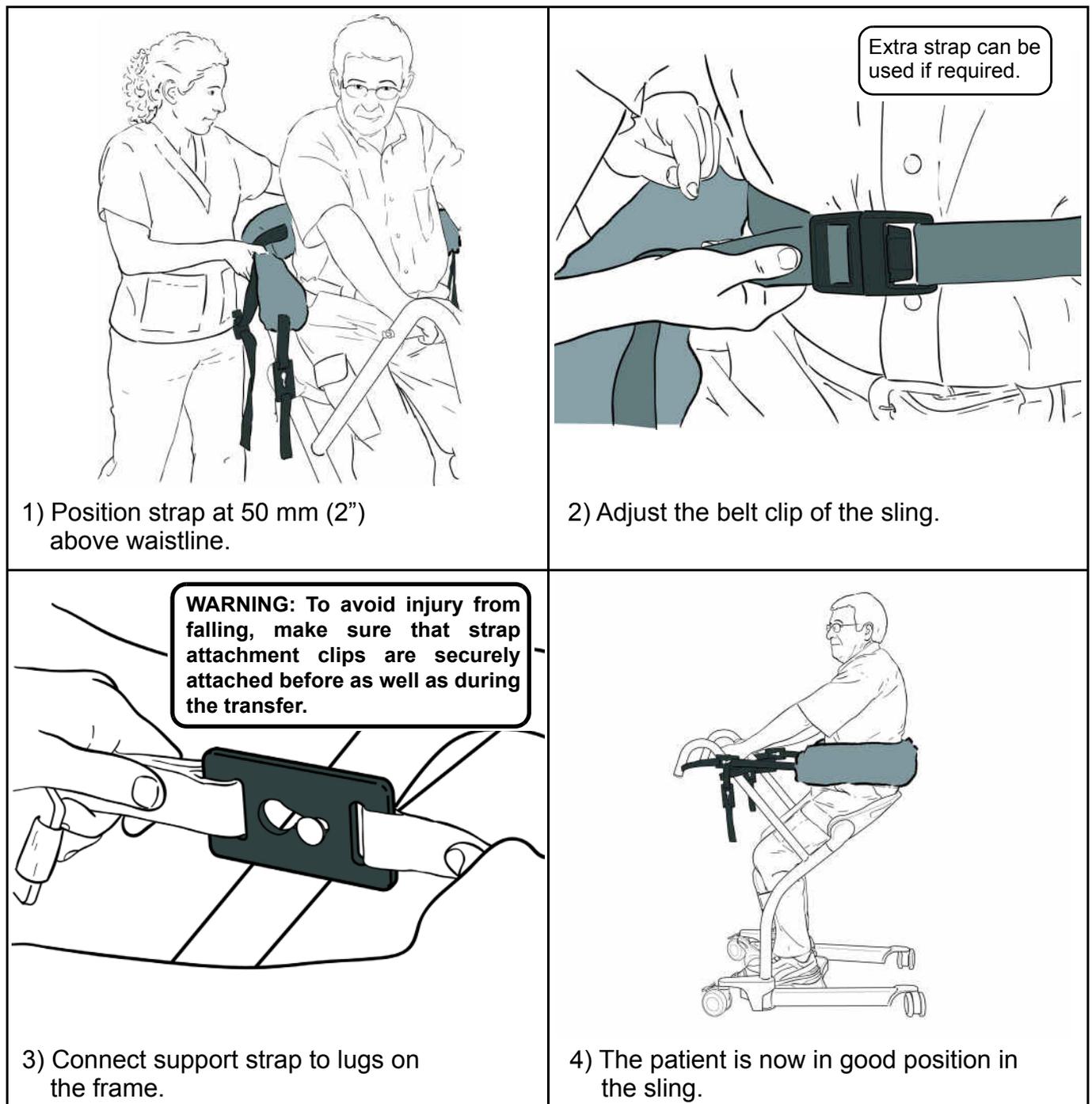


Fig. 18

Care and Maintenance

Preventive Maintenance Schedule

The equipment is subjected to wear and tear, and the following maintenance instructions must be acted upon when specified to ensure that the equipment remains within its original manufacturing specifications. Care and maintenance must be carried out in accordance with the preventive maintenance schedule below.

Customer obligations must be carried out by qualified personnel in accordance with the instructions in this manual.

WARNING: The maintenance described in the following checklist is the minimum that the manufacturer recommends. In some cases more frequent inspections should be carried out. Continuing to use this equipment without conducting regular inspections or when a fault is found will seriously compromise the safety of the user and of the patient. Local regulations and standards may be higher than those of the manufacturer. Service and preventive maintenance can be arranged with the manufacturer. Preventive maintenance specified in this manual can prevent accidents and reduce repair costs.

WARNING: Safety related maintenance and authorized service must be carried out by qualified personnel, fully trained in servicing procedures by Arjo, and equipped with correct tools. Failure to meet these requirements could result in personal injuries and/or unsafe equipment.

User Inspections

Action/check	Before every use	Every week	Every year
Transport device			
Carry out a visual inspection of all external parts. All functions must be tested for correct operation to ensure that no damage has occurred during previous use.	X		
Inspect for missing hardware or broken parts.	X		X
Inspect the sling lugs on the lift for damage or cracks.			X
Ensure that the castors are firmly secured to the chassis.		X	
Make sure all castors rotate freely and the two rear brakes lock.	X		
Check front and rear castors regularly for hair and debris; clean when necessary.		X	

Care and Maintenance

Action/check	Before every use	Every week	Every year
Examine all exposed parts, especially where there is personal contact with the patient's body. Make sure no cracks or sharp edges have developed that could cause patient or user injury or have become unhygienic. Replace where necessary and decontaminate.		X	
Check the opening of the legs. The mechanism must open freely without using excessive force.		X	
Make sure that the anti-skid material is well glued to the chassis. Replace if needed.			X
Check leg opening mechanism under lift base. Make sure that mobile parts don't have excessive loose and are free of hair and debris.			X
Sling and hardware			
Check all sling attachments for sign of wear.	X		
Inspect sling material for wear or deterioration.	X		
Inspect sling straps for wear.	X		
Inspect for any defects or loose threads in the "stitched areas".	X		

NOTE: If the product does not work as intended, immediately contact your local Arjo representative for support.

Care and Maintenance

Cleaning and Disinfection

WARNING: To prevent cross-contamination, always follow the disinfection instructions in this IFU.

To clean the Sara Stedy:

- 1) Use a cloth soaked with water to remove excessive residues.
- 2) Use a damp cloth with warm water mixed with a cleaning fluid.
- 3) Scrub the equipment from top to bottom to remove any deposit.
- 4) Use a clean damp cloth with clear water to wipe off all spots of cleaning fluids.
- 5) Wipe clean with dry cloth.

To disinfect the Sara Stedy, clean the equipment first, then wipe it using a solution containing one of the compatible disinfectants below:

Disinfectant Agents	Sara Stedy	Pivoting Seat Halves (seat pads)	Kneepad
Quaternary Ammonium $\leq 0.28\%$ (2,800 ppm)	X	X	X
Isopropyl Alcohol $\leq 70\%$	X	X	X
Phenolic $\leq 1.56\%$ (15,600 ppm)	X	X	X
Peracetic Acid $\leq 0.25\%$ (2,500 ppm)	X	X	X
Bleach $\leq 1\%$ (10,000 ppm)	X	X*	X*
Hydrogen Peroxide $\leq 6\%$	X	X	X

* Discolouration may occur over time if this agent is used.

Disinfection methods should comply with the local or national guidelines (Decontamination of Medical Devices), depending on the Healthcare Facility or country of use.

If uncertain, consult local Infection Control specialist.

Sling Inspection and Care

See the documentation that comes with your sling.

Care and Maintenance

Annual Inspection

The Sara Steady and its accessories must be inspected annually by a qualified technician.

WARNING: To avoid injury and/or unsafe product, the maintenance activities must be carried out at the correct frequency by qualified personnel using correct tools, parts and knowledge of procedure. Qualified personnel must have documented training in maintenance of this device.

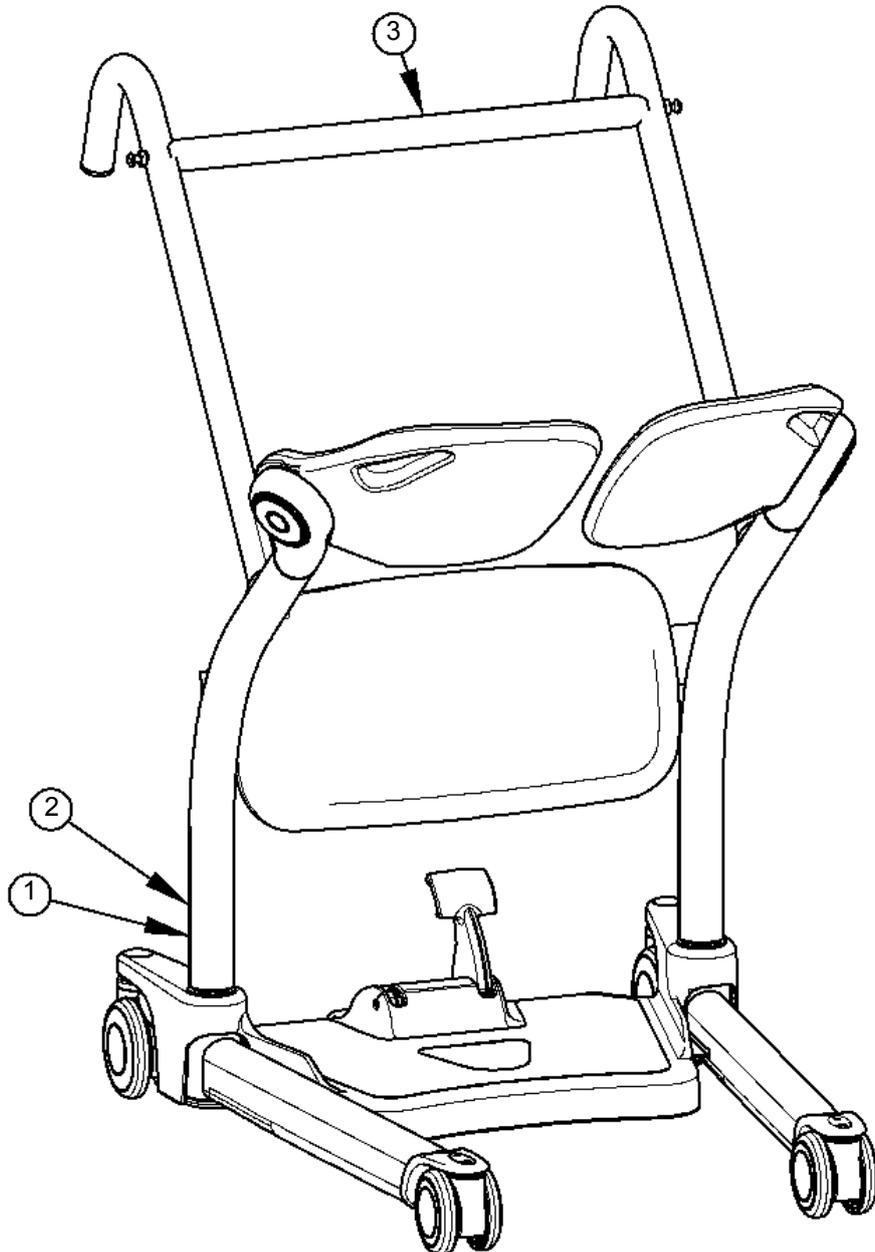
WARNING: To avoid eye and skin damage, always use protective glasses and gloves. If contact occurs, rinse with plenty of water. If eyes or skin become irritated, contact physician. Always read the IFU and material safety data sheet of the disinfectant.



Troubleshooting

Lift Trouble	Resolution
Poor maneuverability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check castor for any damage or wear.• Remove hair and debris from castor.
Legs do not open or close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check legs opening mechanism for damage. Call Arjo for replacement if needed.
Legs difficult to open or close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check legs opening mechanism for damage. Call Arjo for replacement if needed.• Legs opening mechanism need lubrication. Call Arjo for service.
Noise during opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legs opening mechanism need lubrication. Call Arjo for service.
Seat difficult to open or close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check for debris or hair in the seat pivot. Clean if needed.

Labels on the Sara Steady



- 1) Serial number label
- 2) Product label
- 3) Product name

Fig. 19

Technical Specifications

PRODUCT INFORMATION	Sara Stedy and Sara Stedy Compact
Weight, complete Sara Stedy:	29.4kg (64.82lb)
Weight, complete Sara Stedy Compact:	28.3kg (62.5lb)
Lifting capacity	182kg (400lb)
Turning radius	1168 mm (46 in)
Minimum door requirement	630 mm (24.80 in)
Pedal operating force	< 300 N
OPERATION AND STORAGE CONDITIONS	
Ambient temperature range (lift)	Operation: 10 ° to 40 °C (+50 to +104 °F), Storage: -40 ° to 70 °C (-40 to 158 °F)
Relative humidity range	Operation: 30 to 50 %, Storage: 0 to 90% non-condensing
Atmospheric pressure range	Operation: 700 hPa to 1060 hPa, Storage: 500 hPa to 1060 hPa
SAFE DISPOSAL at END of LIFE	
Package	Wood and corrugated cardboard, recyclable.
Product	Components that are primarily be made up of different kinds of metal (containing more than 90% metal by weight) for example sling bars, rails, upright supports, etc., should be recycled as metals.
Slings	Slings including stiffeners/stabilizers, padding material, any other textiles or polymers or plastic materials etc. should be sorted as combustible waste.

Technical Specifications

Lift Dimensions Sara Steady

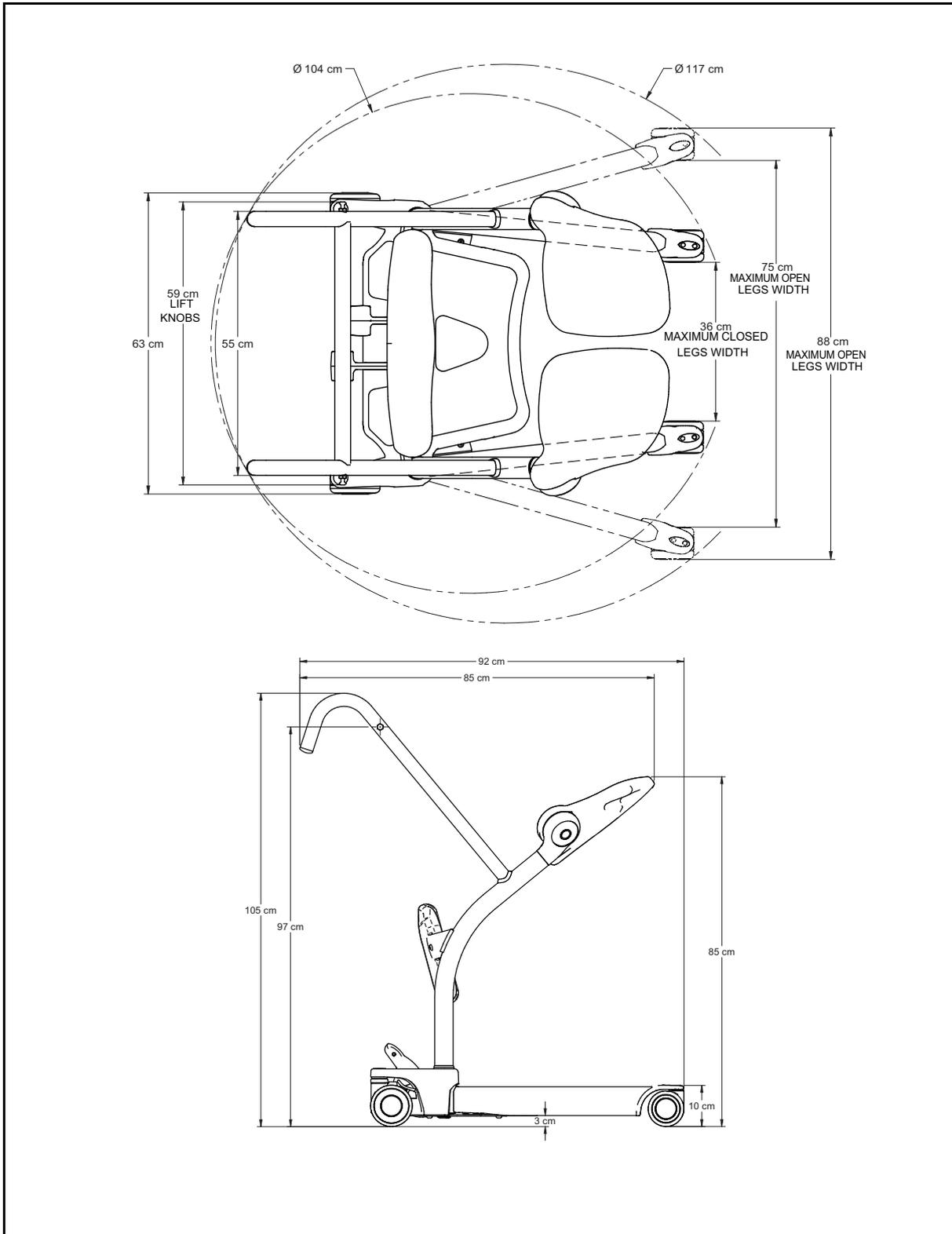


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Lift Dimensions Sara Steady Compact

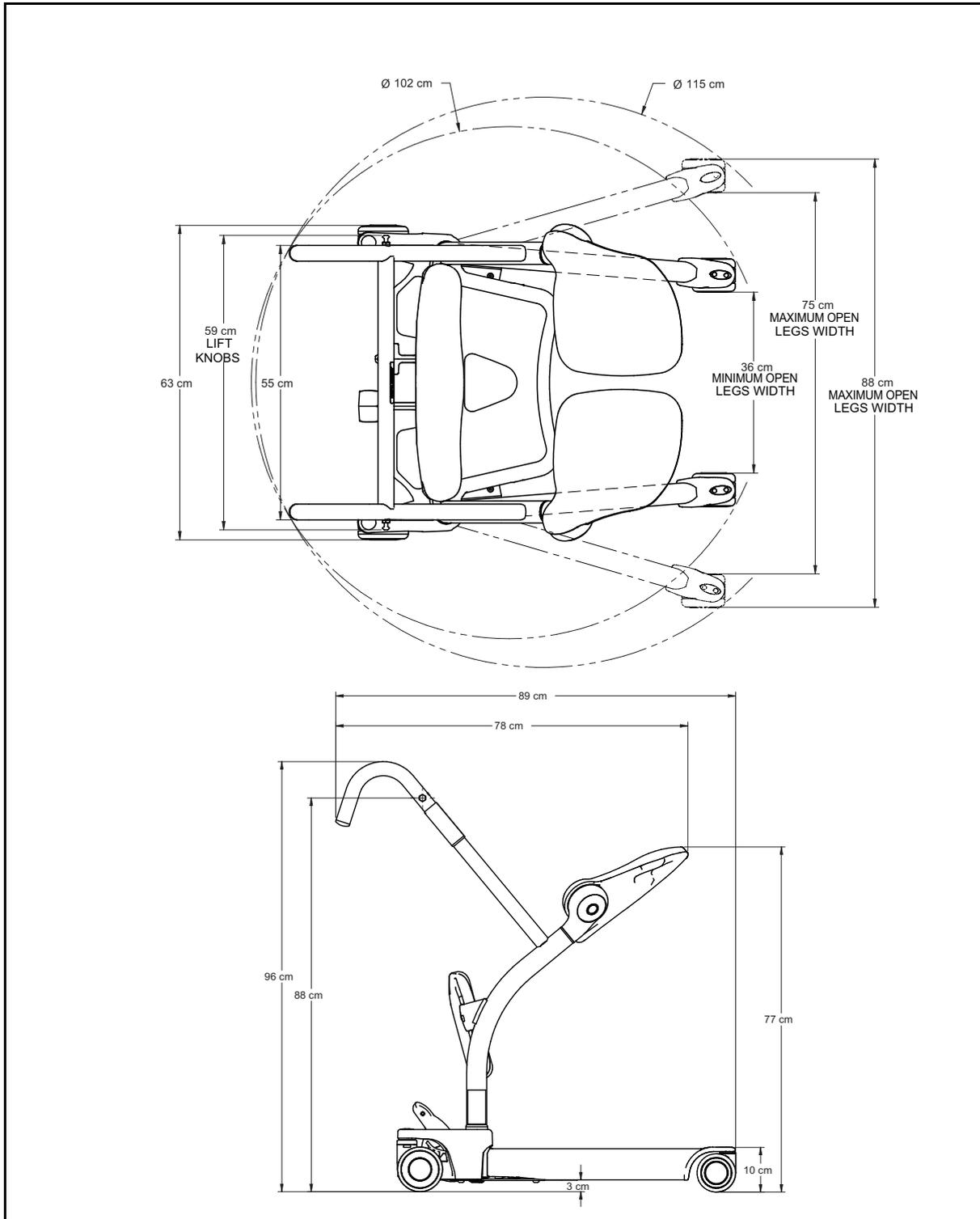


Fig. 21