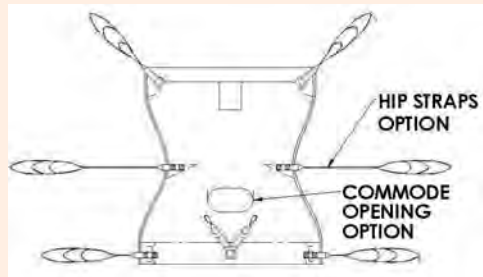


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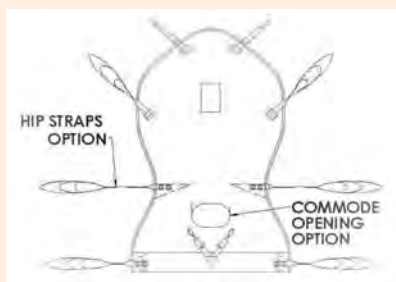
COMFORT CARE SPACER SLING

The Comfort Care Spacer Sling is used mainly for performing supine to seated transfers and vice versa. The sling can only be applied and removed while the patient is supine. Once transferred, the sling can be left under the client while seated.



COMFORT CARE SPACER SLING

PART #	SIZE	HIP STRAP	COMMODE
8E4200	X-Large	8E4201	8E4202
8E4300	Large	8E4301	8E4302
8E4400	Medium	8E4401	8E4402
8E4500	Small	8E4501	8E4502
8E4600	Junior	8E4601	8E4602
8E4700	Child	8E4701	8E4702



COMFORT CARE SPACER SLING WITH HEAD SUPPORT

PART #	SIZE	HIP STRAP	COMMODE
8E4230	X-Large	8E4231	8E4232
8E4330	Large	8E4331	8E4332
8E4430	Medium	8E4431	8E4432
8E4530	Small	8E4531	8E4532
8E4630	Junior	8E4631	8E4632
8E4730	Child	8E4731	8E4732

SAFE WORKING LOAD: 625 lbs

LEAVE IN PLACE

The Comfort Care Sling is only available in spacer fabric. Slings should only be left in place if they are made of spacer fabric. Other fabrics will increase the risk of skin breakdown if left under the patient for long periods of time.

APPLYING THE SLING

WHEN THE CLIENT IS LYING DOWN:

1. Assist the client to roll onto his or her side with hips and knees flexed – have him or her help as much as possible.
2. Apply the sling to the client:
 - a. Drape the sling over the client while the client is in a side-lying position with the hips and knees flexed.



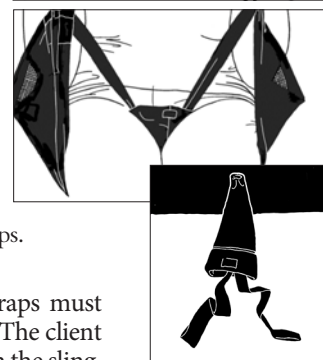
- b. Line the darting in the hip region up with the client's flexed hip
- c. Tuck the edge closest to the bed under the client by pushing down into the mattress.

3. Ask the client to roll onto his or her back then walk around to the other side of the bed

- a. Ask the client to roll away from you just enough that you can pull the tucked flap flat onto the bed
- b. Ask the client to roll onto his or her back



4. Locate the storage pouch between the client's thighs. This storage pouch (made of Spacer Fabric) houses the midline leg straps. Thread the long leg straps through the midline leg straps.



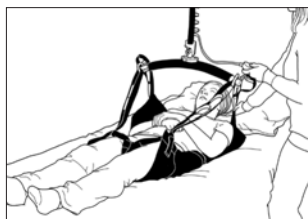
WARNING - Midline leg straps must NOT bear the client's weight. The client must be properly positioned in the sling.

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5. Attach the loops on the straps to the carry bar on the lift

- a. Make sure you use the same color loops on both sides of the sling
- b. Remember: Short loops for Shoulders, and Long loops for Legs if you want the client to be lifted in an upright seated position
- c. Ensure loops remain securely attached to the carry bar as you lift.



Notes:

- 1. *The Comfort Care Sling maintains the client in a more upright position than other slings.*
- 2. *The Comfort Care is removed after the client is returned to supine.*

LIFTING THE CLIENT

- 1. Begin lifting the client:
 - a. Have the client operate the hand control if possible
 - b. Once you have reached the point at which there is tension on the straps but the client has not yet been lifted off of the surface, **STOP THE LIFT.**
 - c. Make sure all straps are securely fastened to the carry bar and that the sling has not shifted position on the client's body (i.e., it is not slipping up the client's back and there are no folds or wrinkles in the sling fabric). If you notice anything of concern, stop the lift, and reassess the situation.



- 2. Transfer the client to the receiving surface

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The bottom edge of the Comfort Care Sling should be positioned approximately one finger width above the fold of the back of the knee (never below).

The decision to leave a sling in place must be based on strong clinical reasoning and the rationale should be documented. A trained professional should always perform a risk assessment to determine the sling application method, design, and fabric to be used.

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

The sling should be inserted into a washing/laundry bag prior to being placed into the washer. This is to prevent any unusual wear and tear of the sling by the agitator and/or other parts of the washing machine.



Note: The Comfort Care Spacer Sling is made from polyester material. Life expectancy is up to 4 years depending on use, care and laundering process. Always follow general guidelines before use. Discard the sling if any tears or serious defects are found.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Only people who have received proper training should attempt to use Handicare Lift Systems. Improper use can lead to serious injury.

Please read and adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. Read all lift instructions before using.
- 2. Do not exceed safe weight capacity.
- 3. Visually inspect the sling prior to using it (check for fraying, cuts, or tears to straps and/or material).
- 4. A balanced fit is a safe fit: position the sling under and around the individual.
- 5. Do not use the lift systems for anything but their stated purpose.

All Handicare's loop-style slings are compatible with our complete range of carry bars.

To ensure anyone using Handicare's Lift Systems is properly trained, an on-going training program should be established. Contact your Handicare representative should you have further questions.