

TRENDELENBURG POSITIONING SYSTEM (TPS)

Instructions For Use

INTENDED USE

The Trendelenburg Positioning System is used to help prevent sliding of patients on the surgical table placed in the Trendelenburg position while assisting in protection from nerve damage and pressure ulcers.



Step 1. Prepare the surgical table

Ensure that the surgical table is level and that the surgical table pads are securely attached to the table. Make sure that the top surface of the surgical table is clean and dry, and the surgical table is not covered by any other items such as transfer boards and sheets, linen, lift sheets, absorbent table pads, and so forth.

Step 2. Remove the kit from the packaging

Remove the pad and all of the kit components from the plastic packaging. Discard the plastic packaging.

Step 3. Position the pad on the surgical table

Place the bottom surface of the pad directly on the surgical table. Align the pad with the bottom edge of the middle section of the surgical table. If the middle section of the surgical table has a perineal cut-out, make sure to position/align the perineal cut-out of the pad (if your version has a cut-out) over the perineal cut-out of the surgical table (refer to Figure 1).

Step 4. Secure the pad to the surgical table

Insert the bottom securement strap (the longer strap) through the surgical table and the rail. Pass the bottom strap upward and ax the hook-and-loop straps to one another (refer to Figure 2). Excess strap length may be rolled before attaching it to the upper strap. These do not need to be too tight. Repeat for the remaining three straps.

Step 5. Place the lift sheet on the pad

Unfold the lift sheet and lay it across the width of the pad where the patient's lumbar curve will be located. Center the lift sheet so that each end is approximately the same distance from the floor (refer to Figure 3).



Figure 1: Aligning pad on table

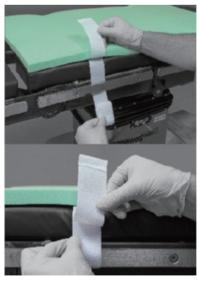


Figure 2: Securing straps to accessory rail



Figure 3. Placing lift sheet across pad



Step 6. Position the patient on the pad

Place the patient onto the pad in a position that will allow tucking of the arms next to the patient's body. Make sure that the shoulders do not extend past the edge of the pad and that the skin at the scapula and sacrum are in direct contact with the surface of the pad (refer to Figure 4).

Step 7. Secure the patient's arms with the lift sheet

Wrap the lift sheet around the patient's arm. Tuck the end of the lift sheet under the patient (refer to Figure 5). Do not tuck the arms too tightly. Be sure to check the position of the patient's fingers around the surgical table mechanisms and for proper circulation.

Step 8. Secure the patient with the body strap

- a. Wrap the lift sheet around the patient's arm. Tuck the end of the lift sheet under the patient (refer to Figure 5). Do not tuck the arms too tightly. Be sure to check the position of the patient's fingers around the surgical table mechanisms and for proper circulation.
- b. Move to the opposite side of the surgical table. Locate the body strap with the large rectangle of hook-and-loop material. Repeat the above step, holding the body strap with the large rectangle of hook-and-loop material facing the patient.
- c. Affix the two (2) body straps to each other so that they are secure across the patient's chest (refer to Figure 7). Do not over tighten.

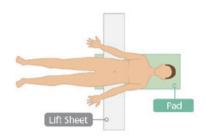


Figure 4: Patient position



Figure 5: Securing patient's arms with lift sheets



Attaching body strap to accessory rail



Attaching the body straps across the patient's chest

MAINTENANCE

Inspect the pad and straps. Do not use products with damage or deterioration.

STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

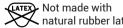
The packaged products shall be stored in a cool and dry location. Keep away from direct sunlight, corrosive substances and in a well-ventilated indoor location.

The pads should always be stored and handled flat. Do not store the pads rolled or folded.















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