

PATIENT LIFTS

Provides the caregiver an aid in lifting and transferring the patient.



PROCEDURE:

1. Roll patient on side, away from the caregiver.
2. Place sling, folded in half, under patient so that lower edge of seat is just below the knees.
3. Roll patient back toward caregiver and pull sling through. Be sure that patient is centered on sling.
4. If patient is in a hospital bed, the head mechanism should be raised at this time.
5. Attach one "S" hook from each chain to the holes in the back; attach the free "S" hook from each chain to the hole in the seat on the same side (one chain on each side). Be sure the "S" hooks are inserted all the way into the holes, away from the patient.
6. Position lift so that the open end of the horseshoe base or end of the "C" base is under the side of the bed. Always lock the wheels when lifting or setting down the patient.
7. Counting from the back, hook the 9th link of the chain to either side of the swivel bar. Be sure that the links are hooked all the way on the bar. Posture of the patient may be changed by varying the link hooked on the swivel bar. Both chains should be equally spaced.
8. Pump the handle (on some units, turn crank). When patient has been lifted clear of the bed, swing the patient's feet toward unit. Release brakes on the lift's wheels. Grasp steering handles and move patient away from bed. A wheelchair may be positioned under the patient or the lift can be rolled into place above a chair or commode. A handle is provided to adjust the width of the horse shoe base to fit around a chair, if applicable. Remember to lock the wheels on the lift and on the wheelchair when lifting or setting down the patient.
9. If your lift has a release knob, lower the patient by gently turning the knob to the left until the patient begins to descend slowly. Guiding the patient's descent, push gently on their knees as they are being lowered to ensure correct seating posture. After the patient reaches the seat, open release knob and press down on boom. If your lift has a pin release, press jack handle toward the body of the jack, depressing the pin gently. After reaching seat, press handle against pin and press down on boom.
10. Detach "S" hooks from sling and move lift away. Patient may remain seated on sling.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

1. Patient lifts are not transport devices – they are intended only to transfer a patient from one resting position to another.
2. Never exceed the stated weight capacity of the patient lifter.
3. Never allow incontinence pads or seating cushions to be placed between the patient and sling material. This may cause the patient to slide out of the sling during transfer.
4. Always be sure that the boom is locked securely above the base while unit is in use. Never push or pull on the lifter boom – this could cause patient to tip over.
5. Always use wheel locks when available.
6. Caregiver must be capable of operating the equipment safely and must be aware of contraindications.
7. Extreme caution and sound judgment must be exercised when dealing with a patient who has seizures.

MAINTENANCE:

Most patient lifters have a hydraulic chamber that must always be intact. If you notice any leakage, contact Binson's immediately and discontinue use. Your patient lifter must be kept clean and free from dirt, oil and grease. To clean sling, remove steel bars from slots and launder in washing machine, separately, inside a pillowcase or laundry bag. If you notice a tear or any fraying parts, immediately discontinue use and notify Binson's. Rental slings are dry cleaned upon return.