REPOSITIONING SLING

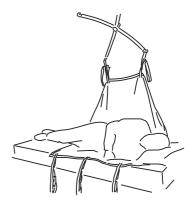
The repo sling is placed under the patient centralized at the mattress and so that the top of the sling is in line with the top of the patient's head. It is fine with exceeding textile higher than the head.



By rolling the patient he is placed in the position prepared for side-lying and as a general rule the strap no 2 and 3 (counted from the patient's head) are used.



When the patient has been "rolled" to side-lying place relevant pillows to support the patient.



Hereafter the straps are removed from the lifting hanger.



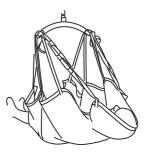
Repositioning sling – use of different lifting hangers when repositioning patients

The 2 straps nearest to the head of the patient are mounted in the cross hanger's two lifting hooks closest to the head of the patient.

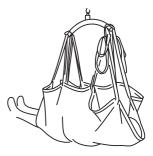
The 2 straps closest to the feet of the patient are mounted to the cross hanger's two lifting hooks closest to the patient's feet.



When the standard lifting hanger is placed perpendicular to the patient. The 3 (6) straps closest to the head of the patient are mounted in the hangers two lifting hooks closest to the head of the patient. Always mount the head straps at last. The 2 bottom straps are placed at the two hooks furthest from the head of the patient.



When the standard lifting hanger is placed parallel to the patient. The straps are now placed similar to first drawing on this page illustrating use of the cross hanger.



Slings/Repositioning Sheet Precautions

- Get appropriate assistance of additional employee(s).
- Match the sling to the specific lift and the weight of the patient.
- Inspect the sling fabric and straps to make sure they are not frayed or stressed at the seams or otherwise damaged. If there are signs of wear, do not use it.
- Verify and position all equipment (IVs, wound vacs, catheters, drains, etc.) that is attached to the patient to ensure a safe transfer.
- Keep all clips, latches, and hanger bars securely fastened during operation.
- Educate the patient regarding the equipment and transfer.
- Position the patient's arms inside the sling straps.
- Make sure that the patient is not restless or agitated.
- Lock the wheels on any device that will receive the patient such as a wheelchair, stretcher, bed, or chair.
- Make sure that the weight limitations for the lift and sling are not exceeded.
- Equipment must be cleaned and disinfected with a hospital approved disinfectant when soiled and in between patients.
- Slings should be removed out of service if damaged or defective.