

Single Patient Use Slide Sheet

Description:

PHA Single Patient Use Slide Sheets are used to help prevent manual handling injuries and to reduce the need for lifting. Made from polyester coated with silicon, these slide sheet have minimal friction during movement for ease of patient transfers.

Their heat sealed edges make them ideal for settings with a high risk of cross-contamination between patients, such as emergency rooms, operating theatres and infectious patients.

 $1m \times 1.5m$

Dimensions:

Small:

Large:

 $1.5m \times 2m$

Instructions for Use:

PHA recommends that you seek accredited manual handling training to ensure carers correctly utilise slide sheets when repositioning patients.

Slide sheets can be used singly (folded in half), or with one sheet placed on top of another – depending on the length of transfer and the size of the sheet. At all times, it is recommended that at least 2 carers are present to perform patient transfer. Never leave a patient unattended on a slide sheet.

Turn patient gently on to side. Gather up approximately half the doubled sheet and place gathered material under patient as close as possible to their back, with open ends facing direction of travel. Turn patient back on to slide sheet. The carer should now be able to pull the gathered material out from the opposite side of the patient so the sheet is flat and the patient is now centred on the sheet.

A carer on either side of the sheet can then grab hold of the top layer of the sheet at the open end and pull carefully in the desired direction with a lunging motion, bending at the knee with a straight back, repositioning the patient.

For transfers up the bed, place open end of folded sheet towards the bed head.

WARNING: slide sheets are slippery, so please perform transfer slowly making sure patient's head does not hit the top of the bed.

For sideways transfers, place open end of folded sheet towards patient and place under patient at least hip to shoulder. Pull in direction of open end.