

# Guide for Installation & Safe Use

# **Standing Hoist & Slings**

These instructions are to be used in conjunction with the information that your Occupational Therapist has already discussed with you.

# WHAT ARE STANDING HOISTS & SLINGS USED FOR?

 The standing hoists utilises a special type of padded sling designed to fit around the patients lower back. It utilises a restraint belt to help prevent the sling from slipping or rising up the patients back. The restraint belt is adjustable and fastens with either a buckle or Velcro flap around the chest area.

### HOW TO USE A STANDING HOIST & SLING:

- Fit sling to patient (Refer to sling instructions for use)
- Manoeuvre the hoist around the patient, adjusting the legs to fit around chair, wheelchair etc. If lifting from a bed ensure under bed clearance is sufficient to manoeuvre the lifter legs.
- Lower the spreader bar sufficiently to allow fitting of sling attachment loops onto the spreader bar hooks. Ensure spreader bar does not contact with patients face or body.
- Use the handset to raise the hoist boom enough to take up the patients weight, At this point stop the lift, check all sling attachments are secure and that the align is positioned correctly. Check patient comfort. Lower and realign sling if necessary.



## PRECAUTIONS & SAFETY:

## Before using the Lifter:

- Are the batteries charged?
- Does the lifter require service?
- Are you informed of the correct use of the lifter?
- Are the brakes disengaged (except for floor lift)?
- Does the sling bar hang vertically and move freely?

### Before using the Sling:

- Is the sling appropriate (type, size, material)?
- Is the sling free of damage (label, seams, loops)?
- Is the sling straps free of twists?
- Is the sling fitted correctly?
- Are the sling's strap loops engaged correctly?

#### MAINTENANCE & CLEANING:

- Always follow the instructions on the label.
- Thermal Disinfection: 65 Degrees for 10 minutes / 90 Degrees for 1 minute (Be safe and 8mins to ensure heat penetration)
- Finish wash with rinse cycle.

TOILETING SLINGS ARE A CROSS - INFECTION RISK. BE AWARE! KEEP THEM CLEAN! TRY TO AVOID MULTI-USE.