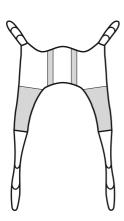


## **User Instruction Manual**

Oxford Toileting Low Sling

To avoid injury, read user manual prior to use.



#### Introduction

The Oxford Toileting Low sling is designed to facilitate the toileting process and provides very good access to clothing. Made from a heavy duty polyester, it incorporates removable, elasticated waist belt and back stiffeners for added support. It is not a general purpose sling and will only suit approximately 25% of clients.

### Special Sling Orders

On occasions, material, dimensional and other changes outside of the standard specification are requested. Please be advised, that aside of any model specific references, fitting, washing and safety guidelines remain applicable. If you are in any doubt, please contact your authorised Oxford service agent or Joerns Healthcare directly.

### Statement of Intended Use

A sling is an item of moving and handling equipment that is used with a mechanical lift in order to facilitate the transfer of a patient. It comprises a specially designed and constructed piece of fabric that is placed under and/or around a patient before being attached to the spreader bar/cradle of a lift to raise, transfer and lower the patient. When selected and used correctly, a sling and lift combination will achieve a safer transfer and reduce the risks associated with manual handling.

It is the responsibility of a competent person to conduct a thorough risk assessment prior to using any sling, to ensure that the sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been correctly determined for the patient. For further guidance, please contact your authorised Oxford Service Provider or Joerns Healthcare.

#### FOR USE WITH PASSIVE HOISTS ONLY.

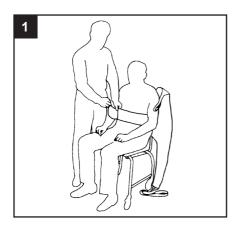
### **Expected Service Life**

The expected service life of an Oxford sling will vary dependent on use and following the care and washing instructions provided in the user guide. Factors such as wash temperature, detergents, frequency of use and patient weight will impact on the lifetime of your sling. Joerns Healthcare recommend that slings are checked each and every time prior to use to ensure the safety of the patient. Bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings are unsafe and must be discarded and replaced. It is a requirement under LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998) that slings are thoroughly checked and passed fit for use. For further advice, please contact your authorised Oxford Service Provider or Joerns Healthcare.

## **A** WARNING

- OXFORD RECOMMENDS THE USE OF GENUINE OXFORD PARTS. Oxford sling and lift
  products are designed to be compatible with one another. For country specific guidance
  on sling use and compatibility, please refer to the sling label or contact your local market
  distributor or Joerns Healthcare.
- For the safety of the patient and carer; before using a sling a full risk assessment must be conducted to ensure that the correct sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been determined for the patient.
- CHECK sling and stitching before each use. Using bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings is unsafe and could result in serious injury or death to the patient.
- · DO NOT alter slings. Destroy and discard worn slings.
- · NEVER leave a patient unattended.
- DO NOT exceed the rated capacity of the sling or lift.
- DO NOT attempt to re-position a patient by pulling on the sling loops.

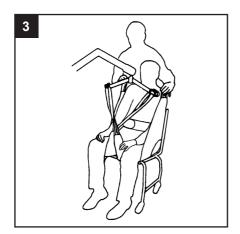
## Fitting the Sling from a Seated Position



Place the sling down the back of the client and position just beneath the shoulder blades and above the belt line. Attach the strap around the front of the client. There is no need for the strap to be tight, it is a positioning mechanism, not a restraint.



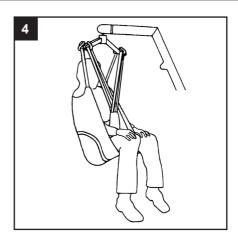
Raise the client's leg and feed the leg strap under and up between the legs. Ensure that the sling fabric is not twisted or creased under the thigh. Repeat this procedure for the other leg.



Cross over the leg straps and attach to the spreader bar on the front hooks using the longest loop. Raise the hoist slightly and attach your desired shoulder loop to the rear hooks (a more upright position will be achieved using the shortest loop).

NOTE: The hoist may move towards the client.

**NOTE:** Some adjustment of the shoulder and/or leg loop attachment points may be needed to better suit the client's height or body shape. Shoulder/leg loop attachment points should be connected at a similar length in order to achieve a balanced lift.



Raise the hoist to the required height. When reseating the client, apply light pressure on the client's thigh(s) to ensure good posture is maintained.

NOTE: This sling is not recommended for use from a lying position.

# **Technical Specifications**

STANDARD	BS EN ISO 10535
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## Sizing & Safe Working Load

SIZE	SWL
XS (BROWN)	227kg / 500lbs
SMALL (RED)	227kg / 500lbs
MEDIUM (YELLOW)	227kg / 500lbs

SIZE	SWL
LARGE (GREEN)	227kg / 500lbs
XL (BLUE)	284kg / 600lbs

Special sizes can be made to order. Please contact your authorised Oxford distributor or Joerns Healthcare for more information.

# Washing Instructions



Machine wash at 85°C.



DO NOT wash with bleach. Bleach will damage the sling's material and make it unsafe for use.



Cool tumble dry, air dry or dry at very low temperature.



DO NOT dry clean.

## **A** WARNING

Slings can suffer damage during washing and drying and should be checked carefully before each use.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Additional slings are available to suit individual needs. You are advised that you should always seek the advice of an authorised dealer or Joerns Healthcare before purchasing.

