# mackworth



## **User Manual**

#### STANDAID TRANSPORT SLING HOLLY RANGE

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**



Symbols in use

Read all warnings in the Instructions for use



Manufacturers details

#### Prior to use:

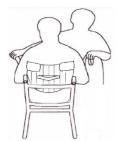


#### Ensure you are aware of the hoist manufacturer's fitting instructions.

- 1. Inspect the sling for wear and damage, with particular attention being paid to the body of the sling, webbings and stitch lines.
- 2. If the sling has removable back support stays- ensure the 2 stays are correctly in place before using.
- 3. If following inspection, there is any doubt, (points 1-2) the sling should be placed aside and not used, then reported to the matron.

#### **User Instruction**

How to fit from a seated position





- 1. Place the sling behind the patient by pushing the back support all the way down to the small of the back and waist.
- 2. Close the safety belts around the waist, approximately at the navel, feeding one belt through the loop on the other belt, thus retaining them in place with the Velcro.
- 3. Close the belt buckle, tighten the belt with the adjusting strap on the buckle being careful not to over tighten.





- 4. Raise each leg individually and gradually feed the leg straps under each leg, ensuring no fabric twists are evident. Make sure that the clips/loops selected are the same on each strap.
- 5. Adjust the height of the leg support pads. Attach the sling to the fixtures on the arms of the stand aid hoist. It is advisable to attach the loop/clip that fits leaving as little slack in the webbing as possible.

- 6. It is encouraged that the user keeps both arms outside the sling in order to rise correctly. If the user is semi-paralysed it may be necessary to keep the paralysed arm inside the sling
- 7. Start raising the stand aid until the sling fits 'tightly' and comfortably around the back. At this point it is advisable to check the body belt, adjust if required. Ensure there is no discomfort.
- 8. The user is encouraged to hold onto the grab handles located below the lifting arms, assisting in the lifting/raising action, they are also advised to lean back if at all possible. The user should then try to hold them-selves in the upright position and look forwards.

\*\*"Providing that a thorough written risk assessment is conducted by a competent assessor" (Reference: LOLER 1998/PUWER 1998), interchangeable slings can provide the right solution for a patient's clinical requirements.

Sling Sizes and coding often varies greatly between manufacturers. However, there is no evidence to suggest that slings and hoists can't be "appropriately matched" with other manufacturer's designs. That is providing that the clip or loop applications are applied relevant to the male fitting and of course a risk assessment is conducted by the clinician / carer beforehand

#### Washing Instructions:

- The sling can be machine or hand washed in a mild soap solution
- Temperatures up to 85'C with a final rinse.
- If tumble drying is necessary use a low heat setting.
- **DO NOT** use any corrosive cleaning agents on the sling to clean



PLEASE NOTE: To avoid damage in laundering, please ensure back stays are removed prior to washing – replace stays after washing.

The safe working load and serial numbers are embroidered onto the slings centre tab – **DO NOT** use this tab as a handle or for any lifting assistance.

#### **Operating environment:**

The slings are textile based and contain no electrical / electronic installed systems. The slings are used, and can only be used, within the same working environment as the mobile and ceiling hoists to which they are an accessory for use with.

For the safety of the patient and the carer, before using the 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 before each use, bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings are unsafe and could result in serious injury or death to the patient.

### DESTROY AND DISCARD WORN SLINGS / DO NOT ALTER SLINGS NEVER LEAVE A PATIENT UNATTENDED

PLEASE ENSURE THE SLING, IF LEFT CONNECTED TO THE HOIST SYSTEM IN USE, IS SECURED TO THE SYSTEM WHEREBY ANY MINOR CANNOT INADVERTENTLY INJURE THEMSELVES.

PLEASE STORE THE SLING IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER TO ENSURE IT HAS NO MEANS OF BEING DAMAGED WHILST NOT IN USE OR HAS THE ABILITY TO BECOME A MEANS OF AN INTRODUCTION OF RISK FOR UNINTENDED USERS SUCH AS MINORS PLAYING ON THE SLING AND THE SYSTEM IT IS ATTACHED TO.

#### **Contra-indications**

There are no contra indications associated with the use of the ranges of Slings manufactured. The sling is transient in its use and only in contact with uncovered skin for a very short period (5 to 10 minutes' maximum), the sling is not an active device and is non-invasive.

#### Cautions

There are no user medical cautions but as will all devices, the IFU should be read at all times and the limitations of the device understood regarding the usability of the slings.

#### Intended use

This is derived through the information on the previous pages.

#### Standards Applied

The following standards are applied to the product:

- BS EN ISO 10535 Hoists for the transfer of disabled persons –
   Requirements and Test Methods
- LOLER Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations" (LOLER 5 Dec 1998),



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