



WARNINGS AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR PATRAN® SLIDE SHEETS

PATRAN® slide sheets are simple to use throughout all healthcare settings. The following safety rules will allow caregivers to ensure safe PATRAN use for themselves and their patients.

Prevent spread of infection by using each PATRAN slide sheet with a single patient. A PATRAN should be assigned to a specific patient and remain with that patient for multiple uses throughout his or her stay.



Keep small children, animals, and emotionally disturbed people away from PATRAN slide sheets. PATRAN poses a suffocation hazard.



Keep PATRAN away from open wounds, surgery sites, and areas that are to be kept sterile. PATRAN is clean but not sterile.



Refrain from using PATRAN to lift or support patients. Instead, slide PATRAN in any direction to move patients.



Train any patients and their loved ones on the proper use of PATRAN slide sheets if the products will be used in the home. It is recommended that patients receive a copy of these product warnings as well as the *Best Practices for PATRAN® Slide Sheets* document. (Note: PATRAN slide sheets can be used as part of a home health care plan. However, patients must obtain the products from their healthcare provider. Do NOT refer them to our company as we only sell to professional healthcare organizations.)



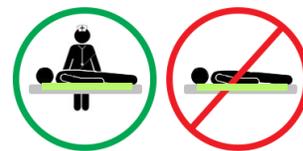
Use at least two caregivers to transfer or reposition a patient. Use enough caregivers and proper ergonomic methods to follow National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health guidelines (www.cdc.gov/niosh). For most healthy caregivers, guidelines generally restrict lifting to no more than 35 lbs and push-pull forces to 43 lbs. Consult your organization's safe patient handling or ergonomics professionals to ensure compliance.



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SLIDE TO SAFETY

Remove PATRAN from underneath unattended patients. PATRAN is slippery and presents a fall hazard. If the patient raises the head of the bed, it will cause the patient to slide down and require additional repositioning (boosting). For patients who are seated, keeping a PATRAN underneath them might cause them to slide out of the chair.



Use during procedures: PATRAN can be left under cooperative patients during procedures such as imaging if the PATRAN is covered by linen and the surface is level. If the bed is narrow or going to be tilted, the patient must be secured in place or the PATRAN removed.



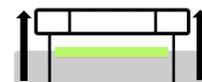
Remove PATRAN from under a patient who will remain in bed or in a chair long term. PATRAN does not breathe.



Lock wheels of all equipment (e.g., beds, gurneys, exam or procedure tables) before moving patients with PATRAN. For added safety when laterally transferring a patient, the caregiver in the receiving position should place his or her body against the edge of the equipment. This will prevent the surfaces from separating and creating a fall hazard for the patient.



Keep bed rails raised while PATRAN is underneath a patient to prevent falls. Before log-rolling a patient toward the edge of the bed, raise the rail on that side to prevent rolling the patient onto the floor.



Remove a PATRAN that comes in direct contact with a patient's damp or sweaty skin by peeling it off rather than shearing. PATRAN is very slippery against wet or dry skin, but it can stick to damp skin.



Raise the height of the originating surface so it is higher than the destination surface when transferring a patient with PATRAN. This will allow gravity to assist in the movement while preventing injury to the patient's backside when moving between surfaces.



Bridge any gaps between surfaces wider than 4 inches to prevent falls when transferring a patient with PATRAN. PATRAN can be used with another device such as a slide board.

