



## **LOCOMOTOR HANDLING SLING – LOCO-008**

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A comfortable padded handling sling designed for use by one or two nurse/carers when effecting patient transfer. Commonly the LOCOMOTOR SLING can be used to perform the following manual handling tasks: -

- 1) Sitting to standing.
- 2) Moving a patient's leg (on and off a bed; onto a footstool; moving for cleaning or dressing; etc.)

The design of the LOCOMOTOR SLING offers significant advantages over existing handling slings:

- The padding means it is comfortable for the patient.
- The sling will mould to the patient's shape thus improving comfort and reducing the likelihood of slipping.
- Two handhold options allows use on both large and small patients.
- The flexibility of the sling allows it to be used for leg transfers eliminating the need to grasp the patient's legs, which can cause bruising. Using the sling also improves grip, reducing the difficulty associated with moving a patient's legs.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

#### **1) Sitting to standing**

The LOCOMOTOR SLING is placed around the patient's lower back and used by one or two nurses/carers to help the patient to a standing position. The two handhold options gives the nurse/carer a choice of grip depending on the size and body shape of the patient. The sling should only be used this way if the patient can weight-bear.

#### **2) Leg transfers**

The LOCOMOTOR SLING has the flexibility to be used under the patients lower leg in order to move legs onto a bed, footstool or for the purpose of cleaning or dressing.

### **IMPORTANT**

All patient moving and handling tasks should be carried out in accordance with approved patient handling techniques and after a full assessment of the patient, the task and the environment in which the operation is to take place.

## **SPECIFICATION**

Polyester outer.  
Dartex lining.  
Foam inner.  
Polyester webbing straps.

## **DIMENSIONS**

620mm x 220mm

## **CARE & USE**

Wash at 71°C if required – otherwise a standard 40°C colour wash cycle.  
The lining may be wiped with a suitable disinfectant.  
Do not tumble dry.  
Do not use the sling against sharp objects, which may cause the sling to rip.  
Regularly check the sling for signs of wear and do not use if there is any sign of deterioration.