



## Padded U-Sling (Universal) with Head Support

ITEM #	SIZE	LENGTH	WIDTH	WEIGHT CAPACITY	FABRIC	STRAPS
H81112S	Small	42"	31"	600 Lbs	Padded Polyester	Polyester
H81112M	Medium	48"	35"	600 Lbs	Padded Polyester	Polyester
H81112L	Large	56"	39"	600 Lbs	Padded Polyester	Polyester
H81112XL	X Large	57"	43"	600 Lbs	Padded Polyester	Polyester

### FEATURES

U-Sling, or Divided Leg Sling is universal and works on most lifts with 4-point or 6-point cradles. Universal slings or split leg slings allow for easier application, are the easiest sling type to use, and are perfect for toileting. Durable polyester material with padding for maximum comfort.

- Head support can be folded out of the way if not needed
- Provides head to knee support and can easily be removed or applied to a patient in a seated or supine position
- Easily inserted or removed from wheelchair while patient is seated because the patient is not sitting on the sling
- Excellent for all patient transfers, especially toileting and bed to chair
- Built-in straps so no additional chains or straps are required
- Solid Polyester material with padding
- Four-Point Universal Padded U-Sling



**TOILETING/DIVIDING/U-SLING INSTRUCTIONS**

Always do a risk assessment for the safety of the attendant(s) and patients. Check that the environment is free of hazards and of any items that may be in the way. Check that the equipment and slings you're using are in good condition. Check that the patient is safe to lift and explain to them what you are going to do.

In addition to using safe patient transfer techniques, you also need to be aware that lifting and transferring a patient always involves a degree of risk. Always review the instruction guides for both patient lift and sling carefully. Before attempting any transfers, a complete understanding of lifts and transfers is essential. Additionally, only trained personnel should use the equipment.

**SEATED TO STANDING WITH LIFTER**

- Before applying sling, check that straps and labeling are visible on the outside of the sling.
- Then ask the patient to lean forward or assist them in doing so.
- Place the sling behind the back in an upright position.

**For the Divided/U-Leg Sling:** the back of the sling should be parallel to the patient's upper arms and be positioned between the top of the patient's head and the base of the spine.

**For the Toileting Sling:** the back of the sling should be parallel to the patient's upper arms and be positioned between the top of the patient's mid back and the base of the spine. If the patient needs additional assistance use two attendants.

- Secure the belt using both the velcro and the buckle for additional safety. Secure belt tightly - patient should be comfortable.
- Bring the leg sections forward to the sides of the patient - do this one at a time. Gently holding the patient's leg up and bring the right (your right) section underneath the patient's thigh on the same side. Do the same on the other side. The sections should be smoothed out and will be going under the legs to support the leg and body during the lift.

Note: The straps may be placed around, crossed between or underneath the patient's legs.

**Attach the loops to the spreader bar or lifting straps.** Attach the shoulder - and head loops before the leg loops. Please note, that for security and comfort reasons, the size (width) of the spreader bar must correspond with the size of the sling. We recommend that a professional, prior to issuing lifting equipment, always carry out a risk assessment. If you are in doubt about the use of Rhythm's slings with other manufacturer's equipment, contact Rhythm Healthcare or your supplier for advice.

**SEATED TO STANDING WITH LIFTER (continued)**

The position of the client in the sling can be adjusted by using the different adjustment straps. Shorter loops at the shoulders and longer at the legs produces a more vertical lift, which will assist with positioning into a chair or wheelchair.

**LOWERING THE PATIENT TO WHEELCHAIR OR CHAIR**

- Ensure the back of their legs touch the chair they are going to sit on. If transferring to wheelchair make sure wheel locks (on wheelchair) are in the locked position.
- Lower them into seated position
- When they are sitting, ensure there is enough slack in the straps and carefully remove the straps from the lifter.
- Take the lifter out of the way and then remove the sling from the patient.

**LIFTING FROM A HORIZONTAL POSITION**

If you have an adjustable bed, raise or lower it to ensure patient comfort and caregiver safety during transfer.

- Turn the patient towards you to prevent the risk of him/her falling out of the bed. Place the lower edge of the sling as far down under the patient as possible, so that it is in level with the patient's coccyx. Bunch the sling together in a couple of folds and lay it so that its "center of the back" corresponds to the position of the patient's spine when he/she is gently turned back. Carefully work the sling out from the opposite side. Raise the backrest of the bed if available.
- Slide the leg supports in place under the thighs. This is easiest if the knees are bent. Make sure the fabric is smoothed out under the thighs and that it reaches properly around the legs. The leg supports can then be hooked to the hanger bar in different ways.
- If necessary, place a small pillow under the patient's head. Hang the upper strap loops to the hanger bar first, then the leg support loops. Lift.

**POSITIONING ONTO A BED**

Guide the patient over the bed and raise the back support for best possible comfort. Lower the patient to the bed. Lower the back support. Remove the leg supports by pulling the strap loops out under the fabric. Turn the patient carefully on one side and roll the sling in under her/him. Turn the patient gently on his/her back and carefully remove the sling.

**SIX (6) MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY**

Six (6) Month Limited Warranty against manufacturing defects.

This warranty does not cover product failure due to misuse, negligence, improper storage or handling, improper operation or unauthorized modifications.

Normal wear and tear on non-durable components, such as rubber accessories and casters are not covered under this warranty. These items are subject to normal wear and need periodic replacement.

For Warranty Service, it is recommended but not required, that the product be returned to the Rhythm Healthcare dealer through whom it was originally purchased. However, all Rhythm Healthcare dealers are qualified to assist you in obtaining warranty service. If the product is to be returned to Rhythm Healthcare, prior authorization will be required. In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, Rhythm Healthcare will determine if the product will be repaired or replaced.