

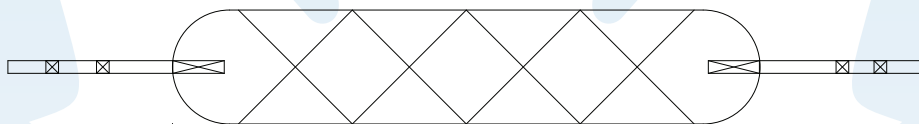
BAND SLING

Conducting a thorough risk assessment is essential to ensuring the appropriate size, material and style of sling is used

HighStar's Band Sling is designed to assist health care staff with the support and positioning of limbs. Providing proper limb support can assist staff with wound dressing, wound preparation, leg/venous wrapping, foot care, cleaning and a variety of other care related tasks.

The National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON)¹ recommends that limb lifting be limited to a maximum of 11.1 lbs. The average weight of a 200 lb patient's leg is approx. 35-37 lbs.

It is important the sling be applied as to reduce the risk of skin irritation during the application process. See pictures for demonstration.



Washing Guidelines

- Wash inside a laundry bag for a longer-lasting sling
- Temperatures not to exceed 80°C/ 176°F
- Do not use bleach
- Air dry, or cool tumble dry. No heat.
- Do not dry clean
- Do not iron

Always check the product label for washing instructions.



General Guidelines

- Read and understand the instructions before use
- Always visually inspect the sling before use, checking for tears, rips, or frays.
- Do not exceed the sling's weight capacity
- Check the label is legible
- A properly cared for sling should approximately last 2-3 years

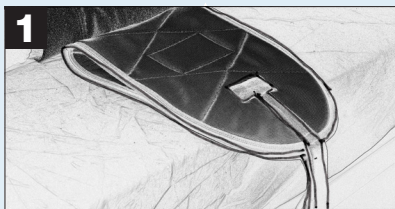
Remove from use if the sling appears to be deteriorating or if the label is no longer legible



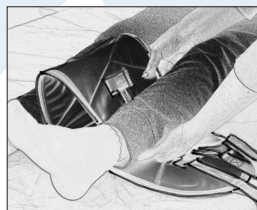
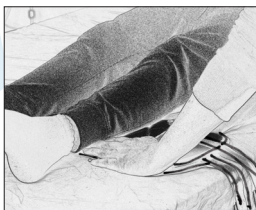
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SLING APPLICATION

Always check the appropriate sling style, material and size has been selected before applying the sling

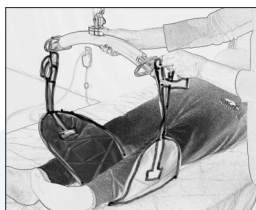
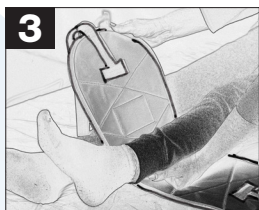
APPLYING THE SLING



It is recommended that the sling be folded in $1/3$ or $1/2$, such that the strap is folded under the sling.



The sling should be inserted under the leg/limb in areas of limited leg-bed contact, for example, the back of the knee. Make sure strap is not touching the skin,



Once the sling is in place the folded portion of the leg strap can be removed gently, avoiding skin contact.

In some cases, due to limb size or technique, it may be advantageous to utilize two Band slings. This may require the Band slings to be moved away from the wound area during the procedure, but does provide maximal support. The Band sling can also be applied through the standard, log roll application method.

