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# **divided leg sling instruction manual**

- ⚠ WARNING:** Important! Read and understand these instructions before assembling or using the sling. If you do not understand any part of these warnings, cautions or instructions, contact a healthcare professional for direction in the use of this product. If the sling is not properly applied, personal injury and damage to the sling could result.
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- ⚠ WARNING:** Carefully inspect the sling before each use for wear and damage to seams, fabric, straps, and strap loops. Torn, cut, frayed or broken slings can fail, resulting in serious personal injury to the user. Use only slings that are in good condition. Discard and destroy old, unusable slings.
- ⚠ WARNING:** DO NOT exceed the sling's maximum weight capacity.
- ⚠ WARNING:** Notice for California Customers- California Proposition 65 **WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive or developmental harm.
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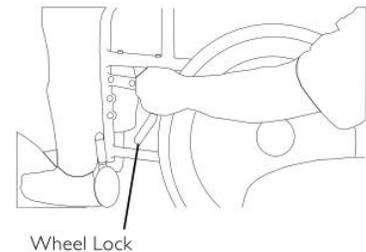
Divided Leg Sling styles may be used for patients on which sling removal is more difficult. Support ranges from upper back to beneath the thighs. These slings can be positioned with the patient seated or lying flat.

### POSITIONING THE SLING

*NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 1 and FIGURE 2*

*NOTE: Use the following method to easily move the patient and avoid strain to yourself.*

- ⚠ WARNING:** If the patient is in a wheelchair, secure the wheel locks in place to prevent the wheelchair from moving forward or backwards.



**FIGURE 1:** Wheel Lock

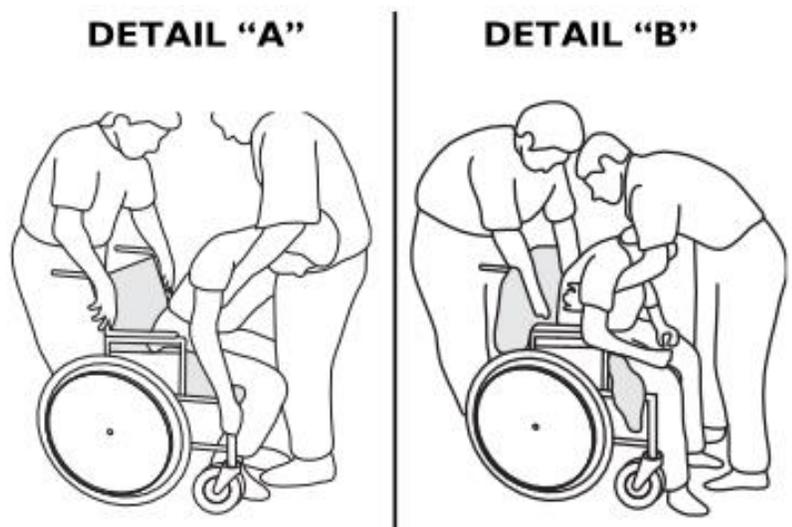
1. Lock both rear wheel locks on the wheelchair.
2. With the patient sitting in a wheelchair one assistant in front of the wheelchair and the other assistant in the back of the wheelchair, lean the patient forward. Refer to Detail "A" Figure 2.

*NOTE: The front assistant will be supporting the weight of the patient.*

3. Place the sling behind the patient (with "grab handle" on the outside) and bring the flaps out alongside the patient's legs. Refer to Detail "B" Figure 2.

*NOTE: For the Divided 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.*

4. With the back of the sling positioned properly, push the bottom of the back section to the seat.



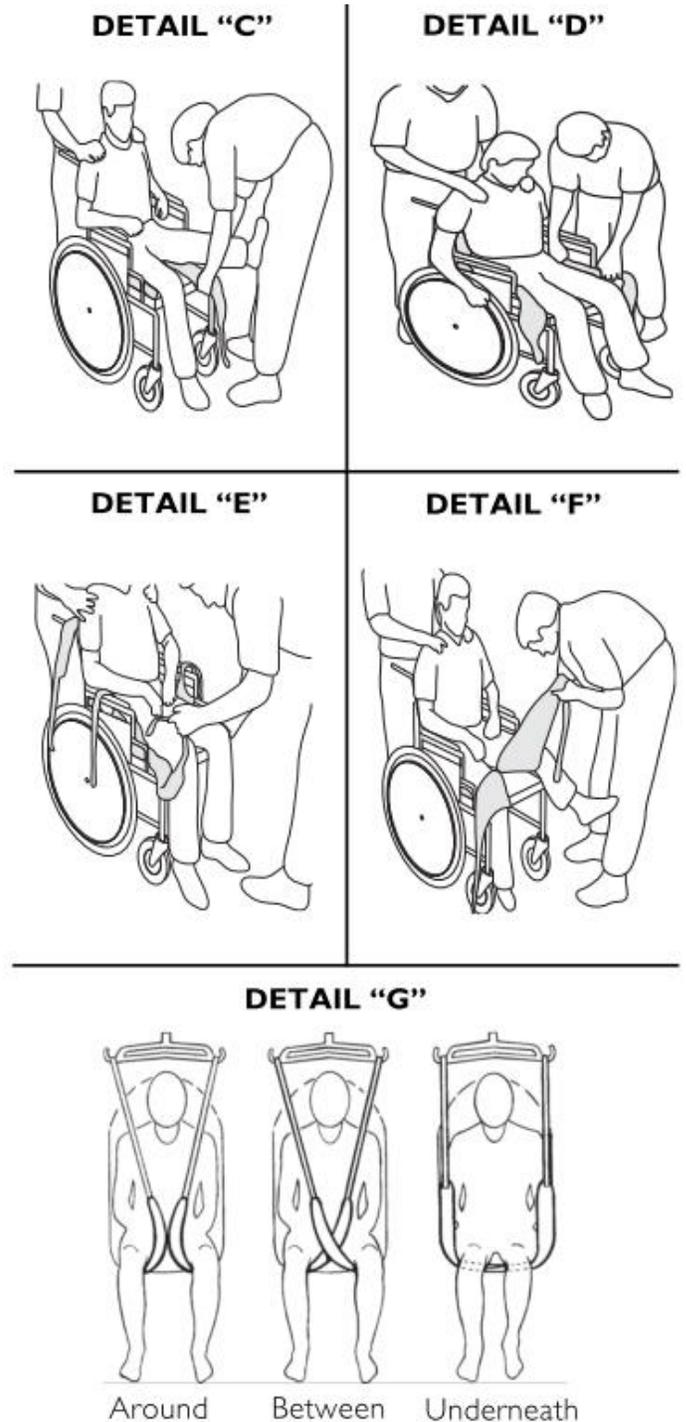
**FIGURE 2:** Positioning the Sling

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5. Lean the patient back into the wheelchair with the assistant in the rear supporting his/her weight.
6. Lift the patient's legs (one at a time) and reach under the patient's leg to pull the front of the sling until it is behind the patient's knees (about 3 inches). The back of the sling should remain in position. Refer to Details "C" to "F" Figure 3.

**NOTE:** The straps may be around, crossed between or underneath the patient's legs. Refer to Detail "G".



**FIGURE 3:** Positioning the Sling

## Attaching the One-Piece Style Sling to the Patient Lift

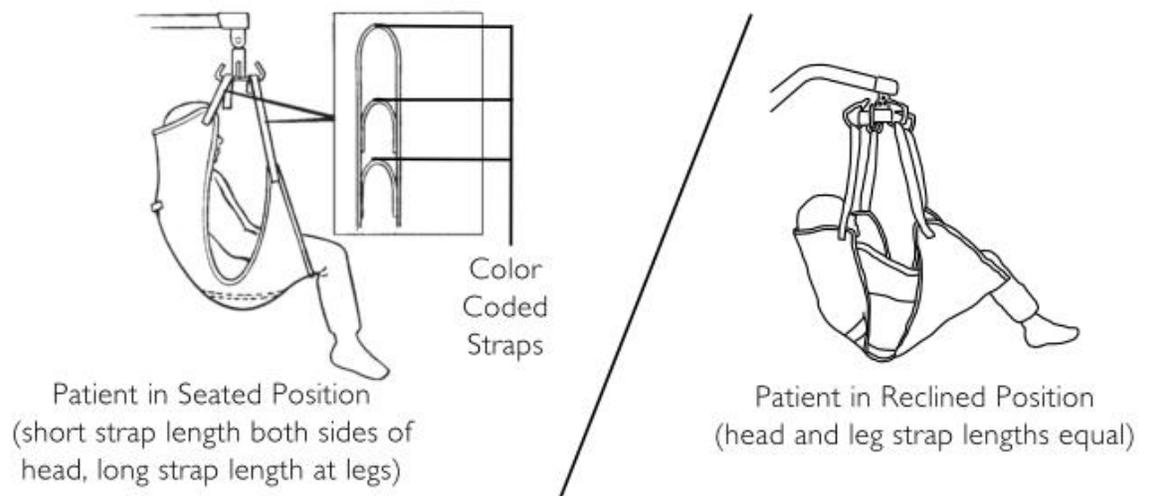
NOTE: For this procedure, refer to FIGURE 4.

1. Place the straps of the sling over hooks of the swivel bar. Match the corresponding colors on each side of the sling for an even lift of the patient.

**⚠ WARNING:** When connecting sling to the patient lift, the shortest of the straps **MUST** be at the back of patient for support. Using long section will leave little or no support for patient's back. The loops of the sling are color coded and can be used to place patient in various positions. The colors make it easy to connect both sides of the sling equally. Make sure that there is sufficient head support when lifting a patient.

2. Refer to the Lifting the Patient in the Patient Lift Owner's Manual.

NOTE: For Lift Swivel Bars that have three hookup points per side, the middle hookup is **ONLY** used for slings that have three sets of straps per side or slings that use chains or adjustable straps.



### Washing Instructions:

1. Machine wash warm or cold
  - a. Maximum washing temperature 185°F (85°C)
  - b. Wash at 160°F (71°C) for 3 minutes
  - c. Wash at 145°F (63°C) for 10 minutes
  - d. Air dry, or tumble dry at cool or very low temperature
  - e. Do not tumble dry at high temperature
2. Use non-enzyme detergent
3. Do not use bleach
4. Do not wash with other colors

**WARNING:** After each laundering (in accordance with instructions on the sling), inspect sling(s) for wear, tears, and loose stitching. Bleached, torn, cut, frayed, or broken slings are unsafe and could result in injury. Discard immediately.



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**LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY:**

Your Proactive Medical sling product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the original consumer purchaser. Useful life of this product is six months from date of purchase under normal use, however, heavy use or excessive washing may reduce the useful life of the product. In the event of a defect covered by this warranty, we will, at our option, repair or replace the device. This warranty does not cover device failure due to owner misuse or negligence, or normal wear and tear.

Sling Material: Polyester / Straps Material: Polypropylene