# **Recommended Use and Care of MPR Gel Pads**

## General Use of Gel Pads

- In line with good clinical practice, assess the patient's condition and areas of potential risk prior to deciding which gel pads and positioners to use.
- Avoid placing sharp instruments on gel pads as they may puncture the film.
- Gel pads may be heated to body temperature in a hospital-grade blanket warming chamber, or on a heated mattress. Do not heat above 40° C. MPR Gel Pads may be warmed in warming cabinets -Please follow instructions of warming equipment or mattress manufacturer as appropriate.
- Avoid pulling table pads while patients are on them, excessive force may adversely affect the product.
- Avoid pulling gel pads along rough or sharp surfaces.
- Do not cut or tear gel pads; keep sharp objects and knife blades away from gel skin.
- Use correct lifting techniques when lifting heavy products.
- Freezing gel pads with Velcro attachments is not advisable as this may affect the adhesion of the Velcro to the product.
- Do not apply chemicals or harsh cleaning solutions to the gel skin.
- Do not apply tape or adhesive products to the gel skin, as it will leave a residue.

## **Storage of Gel Pads**

- Where possible, store gel pads flat.
- Fold large table pads in sections of approximately 12".
- Avoid placing heavy loads or sharp objects on gel pads.
- Maintain temperature of gel products below 45° C and above -18° C.
- Lay flat in warm area to reduce fold/wrinkle marks—some wrinkle marks are normal.

### **Cleaning of Gel Pads**

- Gel pads can be easily cleaned using standard operating room cleaning agents.
- Avoid soaking products for long periods.
- Do not use corrosive chemicals or strong solutions on the gel skin.
- Keep Velcro and adhesive patches clean, as they may attract dust, hair and foreign matter.
- DO NOT AUTOCLAVE or ATTMEMPT TO STERELIZE THE PRODUCTS

### Warranty of Gel Pads

- Gel pads are manufacturer warranted against defects in materials for one year, unless stated otherwise.
- Alterations, knife cuts and abuse void manufacturer warranty.
- Warranty does not include damage caused from excessive stretching, twisting or heat.
- Use of gel positioners for other than intended purpose voids warranty.



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