

## **Gel Pad and Positioners CLEANING & CARE INSTRUCTIONS 2016**

Thank you for choosing Techno-Aide for your radiology accessory needs. To ensure the longevity of your new gel pads, we recommend the following guidelines for cleaning and care.

### **Cleaning:**

We all know that in a medical environment, it is easy for positioning aides to become dirty and soiled from blood, bodily fluids, betadine, barium, and other fluids.

#### **Do:**

- Clean pads and positioners using any of the list of approved cleaners wo with mild soap and warm water.
- Rinse with clear water to remove cleanser residue.
- Handle pads and positioners carefully to avoid damage
- Always institute sound ergonomic principals while transporting products.

#### **Don't:**

- Do not expose pads and positioners to direct or indirect sunlight or UV rays.
- Do not make contact with sharps, edges, or any surface that could puncture, tear, cut, or pinch the pads and positioners, or in any way compromise the surface of the product.
- Do not lift or carry product by the corners or edges as it may create undue stress and damage the outer film (skin)
- Do not use full strength alcohol or harsh chemicals to clean or disinfect gel pads.
- Do not machine wash or machine dry.
- Do not autoclave
- Do not Soak in cleaning solution as it may seriously compromise the integrity of the product, thus making it inappropriate for continued use.

### **Heating & Cooling:**

Follow the recommended guidelines and standards of practice set forth by your institution regarding recommended heating and cooling ranges for patient safety. Use caution when heating to temperatures above 98.6 degrees F.

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- Gel pads and positioners can be warmed to body temperature by using operating room warming methods, placing in warm water, a blanket warming cabinet, or by microwave (15 seconds at a time), until warmed to desire temperature.
- Cooling can be achieved by placing in refrigerator, a cold ice water bath, or exposing to ice packs.
- Note: Avoid extreme hot and cold temperatures.
- Do not heat above 110 degree F or 44 degree C for patient safety.
- Common use temperature range is 55 degree F to 110 degree F.
- Softness will slightly decrease at 55 degree F.

**Storage:**

Store gel pads and positioners flat and in a dry area. Avoid direct sunlight. Do not fold or roll pads. Do not store heavy or sharp object with or on devices. Avoid stacking heavier larger gels on top of smaller lighter gels. Do not store other items on top gel pads or positioners.

**Repair:**

Our repair kit is designed to repair minor rips or tears of the skin. Until a repair kit can be used, simple tape will provide a temporary repair. To use repair kit, peel silicone paper off back of clear urethane skin. Place repair patch where needed and smooth by pressing firmly.

**Warranty:**

Due to the custom nature of this product and cross contamination concerns after use, items are non-returnable. However we stand behind our superior medical gel and will respond promptly to your needs in a positive manner. If the product is subject to warranty replacement as per our policy below, please contact customer service or your local dealer to begin the process of your warranty claim.

- Our warranty is limited to replacement of any gel product that develops skin failures, splitting or cracking due to manufacturing defects within 3 years of purchase. There are no other warranties or guarantees either expressed or implied including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use. Incidental or consequential damages are excluded.
- Abnormal wear and tear including but not limited to abuse, neglect, or poor or improper maintenance or cleaning is not covered under our warranty. Any alterations or modifications, any damage caused by accident or damage caused by extreme elements such as temperature or humidity is not included in our

warranty. Under no circumstances will Techno-Aide be liable in any way for damages including any lost profits, lost savings, or other incidental or consequential damages arising out of the use of, or inability to use such product.

Follow guidelines and standards of practice and risk assessment of each patient as established by your institution as it pertains to patient positioning. Comply with medically recognized patient positioning practices and standards such as those established by the AORN and ORNAC. Failure to adhere to the above recommendations will shorten the life of your leg holder. Techno-Aide provides a one year warranty on workmanship and materials for our radiology accessory products.