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Headrest cushion for spinal surgery Allen Spine Model 70310 (@bloc reference : ACC1127TALL)

Use, cleaning and care of our polyurethane cushions

This cushion is made of original foam supplied by the customer and a polyurethane cover supplied by @bloc. It allows the positioning of the head in the prone position on a headrest for an ALLEN® model 70310© spine surgery device.

Restrictions on Use

- The user must ensure that the cushion is suitable for the accessory to which it is attached.
- This cushion is intended for users trained in patient positioning and the risk of pressure sores.
- Do not wash our cushions in the washing and disinfection cabin.
- Never use abrasive cleaners or scraper sponges.
- Do not attach sticky strips to the cushion.
- The shape memory effect of our products is optimized to reduce compression. Although they adapt to the morphology of the patients, they do not ensure their wedging like a decompression shell mattress. On the contrary, retraction at pressure points could cause a gradual slippage.
- Do not add gel mattress toppers that interfere with the shape and the proper distribution of pressure because the surface in contact with the patient is no longer stretchable.
- If an alcohol-based product for disinfecting the patient's skin is used, it is imperative for safety reasons (risk of inflammation and/or maceration), to ensure that it does not accumulate under the patient.
- Prolonged use of alcohol or solvent may impair the conductivity and elasticity of the cushion coating and impair its waterproofness and/or cause it to shrink.
- Make sure the patient is not allergic to polyurethane.

Washing, disinfection and maintenance

- The cushions can be cleaned by wiping with a soft cloth dampened with water containing a neutral detergent or with a ready-to-use solution (e.g. ANIOS Surfa'safe, ALFAKARM Septalkan, HUCKERT'S Laboratory Umonium 38 Medical Spray...) or soaked wipes (e.g. ANIOS Oxy Wipes; Wip'ANIOS Excel; HUCKERT'S Umonium 38 Medical Tissues Laboratory...).
- In general, surface disinfectants containing a set of active ingredients such as aldehyde, quaternary compounds, guanidine derivatives and active oxygen, have proven their effectiveness. But always choose those formulated specifically for equipment, less film-forming and aggressive.
- In situ cleaning and disinfection can also be carried out on the coating using hand-warm water and a neutral detergent or with a sodium hypochlorite solution (0.1% or 1000 parts per million of available chlorine).
- Products such as Ercesolvent©, Remove©, GILBERT Non-Stick,© etc. used to remove adhesive residues (Elastoplast©, sticky drapes), should be thoroughly rinsed and dried immediately after use. Failure to do so may result in the buildup of reagent damaging the polyurethane coating. All products based on acetone, ether and other volatile solvents must be used with the same precautions.
- It is essential that the cushion is rinsed thoroughly with water and that it dries thoroughly after cleaning.
- It is strongly recommended to clean the surface of the cushions between two patients, but also the underside several times a day and systematically after a septic procedure.
- Finally, it is imperative for hygiene reasons to replace the cushion as soon as it shows damage (tear, cut, cracks, burns, etc.) Indeed, the altered products are no longer waterproof and the moisture that then penetrates the foam promotes the development of germs and bacteria.

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Special precautions

Before any use, it is necessary to ensure that the cushion is properly placed.

As the outer coating of the cushion is intended for permanent contact with the patient's skin, it is essential to ensure that no traces of cleaning or disinfection agents remain.

The use of surgical drapes between the cushion and the patient's face should be avoided.

Once the patient has been positioned, it is necessary to make sure that the nose and eyes are in front of the slits provided for this purpose.

The use of this cushion is not a substitute for the monitoring necessary for the prevention of pressure ulcers. Pressure ulcer prevention requires identifying risk factors and planning changes in position every 2 to 3 hours, or even more frequently.

Special conditions of storage and use

Min temperature	Storage : -15 °	Use : + 15°
Max temperature	Storage : + 45 °	Use : +25°
Hygrometry (%HR) min	Storage : 30%	Use : 30%
Hygrometry (%HR) max	Storage : 70%	Use : 70%

Spare parts

There are no spare parts for this product

End of life

At the end of its life, the cushion must be cleaned and disinfected normally, then placed in the system intended for the disposal of run-of-the-mill waste.

Normative references

Manufacturer: @bloc

Complies with European regulations

CE Class 1 Medical Device

Depending on the fabric used: Flammability BS7175 1989 - Antistatic BS2050 1978 - ISO 2878.

Any serious incident that occurs in connection with one of our cushions must be notified to @bloc and the ANSM in accordance with the regulations in force.

For any further information, please contact us.

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