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CARE AND USE GUIDE

Action® O.R. Pads and Positioners

Prior to initial use remove the pad from its packaging, fully read this User's Guide and clean pad following guidelines listed under "Cleaning and Disinfecting."

GENERAL PRODUCT USE

- Patients should be placed directly on Action® pads for best shear reduction and pressure distribution.
- Action® O.R. Table Pads should be positioned with the labeled polymer side facing patient's skin. A sheet may be placed over the product; however, this reduces its shear relieving characteristics. If a sheet or bath blanket is used, it should fit loosely over the product and be unstarched and free of wrinkles or folds.
- Keep all sharp objects, edges or other items likely to cut, tear, rip or pinch product surface away from pads at all times.
- Inspect product after each use to ensure any damage sustained during use is promptly repaired or, if not repairable, that the product is taken out of service and a replacement product ordered. See "Care and Repair".
- Some pads are delivered with self-adhesive hook and loop fasteners to provide secure pad-to-hardware (or patient) placement. The hook (hard) part should be applied to the equipment or existing equipment padding. The loop (soft) part should be applied to the Action® pad. Let the hook and loop attachments rest for at least 2 hours after initial placement before first use. After installation, simply place the pad at its desired position and press hook and loop together.
- Action® pads are latex, silicone, and plasticizer free.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND PATIENT POSITIONING GUIDELINES

The risk of patients developing pressure related injury due to immobility during surgery can be minimized by properly using Action® pads in combination with best nursing practices. A patient's predisposition to this type of injury is based on many factors including general health, vascular health, existing diabetic condition, age, weight, etc. Consult your individual facility's guidelines in assessing risk for each patient.

Action Products, Inc. recommends following medically recognized patient positioning practices and standards such as those published by the US AORN Recommended Practices Committee, 2006. Also consult the patient positioning practices and standards established by your medical institution.

TRANSPORT

Handle Action® pads carefully to maintain product integrity. Gently remove pads from tables or surgical equipment. To transport large table pads (not containing foam) you may roll the pad and carry it cradled in arms. To transport larger patient positioners or foam/ polymer composite pads, fully support the pad with two hands or cradle it in arms when possible. Carts are recommended for transporting bulky or heavier items. Carrying pads without proper support may stretch or tear the outer skin or cause undue stress that may result in a split surface. Lifting the product from edges or corners may also stretch outer skin causing stretch marks, tears or surface splits. Products are constructed to exacting quality standards and should be serviceable for long periods of time with appropriate care.

STORAGE

Pads should be stored in a clean, dry area out of direct sunlight. Action® O.R. table pads (except any polymer/ foam composite pads) may be rolled for storage. Polymer/ foam composite pads and all positioners should be stored in a flat position. Keep all sharp objects, edges or other items likely to cut, tear, rip or pinch product surface away from pads at all times.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

For cleaning and disinfecting use conventional hospital-approved topical equipment cleaners and disinfectants that do not contain alcohol. Avoid alcohol or other strong, undiluted disinfectants that may harden the product surface or cause staining. Action® pads are impervious to liquids making wet, cold sterilization a recommended means of sterilization. Thoroughly rinse products with clear water to remove any residue from cleaning solutions. Pads are washable at temperatures of approximately 103° F/40° C. Gas sterilization, autoclaving, washing machine use and dryer use are NOT recommended for these products.

HEATING AND COOLING

Action recommends you consult your institution's protocol for recommended heating/ cooling ranges identified for safe patient use. Action® pads and positioners can be exposed to a temperature range of 150° F (65.5° C) to -20° F (-29° C) and still remain soft and pliable. However, to insure patient safety, extreme caution should be exercised when heating pads to temperatures above body temperature of 98.6° F (37° C).

100% polymer pads & positioners may be heated in a blanket warming cabinet, in hot water or used in conjunction with a hypo/hyperthermia unit placed atop or beneath the polymer pad. Polymer/ foam composite pads may be warmed with a hypo/ hyperthermia unit placed atop the labeled polymer surface. 100% polymer pads may be cooled in a refrigerator, in a cold ice water bath or with the use of ice packs.

REPAIR

An Action® Repair Kit and scissors can easily be used to repair damage to the pad surface. The repair area should be free of any residue, disinfected, and dried before repair patch is applied. Remove any residue around damaged area using a cloth dampened with warm, soapy water or mineral spirits. Rinse with clean water and dry. Disinfect the pad following protocol below and dry completely before applying repair tape. Measure the damaged area and cut repair tape accordingly, allowing a 1/4 in. (0.635 cm) overlap on all sides of the damaged area. Carefully separate one half of the repair tape from its brown paper backing. Carefully apply the exposed clear repair tape to the damaged area while removing the paper backing as necessary, careful to work out any air bubbles that may become trapped between the pad and the tape. Action recommends the pad be disinfected before being placed back in service.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Electrosurgery

Action® pads are non-conductive. If using HF surgical procedures, the patient must NOT be grounded to the earth. Otherwise, serious injuries (e.g., burns) may occur. Consult the High Frequency expert of the operating department and the electrical user's guide for further instruction.

X-RAY

Action pads are radiolucent. To prevent an increase in radiation to the patient, always place Action® pad between the x-ray source and patient. Check the radiation effect of the x-ray equipment to ensure proper dosage levels.

WARRANTY

Action® pads and positioners (excluding the G2 composite series) are warranted to be free of defective materials and workmanship at the time when first purchased and are serviceable for a period of two years provided the product is not subject to misuse, negligence, accident or abuse. Accessories are warranted to be free of defects in workmanship at time of initial purchase only. Action® G2 Series pads are warranted to be free of defective materials and workmanship at the time when first purchased and are serviceable for a period of one year provided the product is not subject to misuse, negligence, accident or abuse. Specific warranty questions should be directed to Customer Service (301) 797-1414 Mon.-Fri. 8-5 EST or your authorized dealer/distributor.