

Seated, Hammock Amputee, Double Amputee, and Hygiene Slings

1. Fit the sling by placing it down behind the patient with the labels and handles away from the patient.
2. Ensure that the commode aperture (if applicable) reaches just below the coccyx.
3. Leave the back of the sling at low level, don't bring up to shoulder level at this stage.
4. Bring the leg sections along each side to the front ensuring that they are fitted under the sides of the thigh.
5. Check that both leg sections are at equal length to the front of the patient.
6. Feed each leg section under the leg and between the thighs, keeping the material flat against the skin.
7. **(Seated slings)** For loop slings, cross one leg strap through the lower loop of the other leg strap. For clip slings, attach the 4 clips of the sling onto the 4 point clip spreader bar.
8. **(Hammock Amputee slings)** Check that the lower edge of the sling reaches the back bend of the knee.
9. **(Double Amputee slings)** Pass both leg sections under both legs. Attach the 4 clips of the sling onto the 4 point clip spreader bar.
10. Bring up the back of the sling that was left at lower level without pulling it out from under the coccyx. Arms should be kept on the inside of the sling.
11. Attach the loops or clips onto the spreader bar. The appropriate, color coded loops for the patient should be selected according to guidance provided by a qualified professional.
12. **(Hygiene slings)**
 - Fit the sling as in step 1.
 - Bring the sides of the sling around and under the arms keeping the arms on the outside of the sling.
 - Feed the leg sections under the leg and between the thighs keeping the material flat against the skin.
 - For loop slings, cross one leg strap through the lower loop of the other leg strap. For clip slings, attach the 4 clips of the sling onto the 4 point clip spreader bar.



Always ensure the bed, wheelchair, or chair are locked before using the lift.



Never leave the patient unattended while in the lift.