# Air-Assist<sup>™</sup>

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Air-Assist is a single-use patient transfer system designed for use in hospital settings. It allows healthcare personnel to laterally transfer and/or reposition patients safely and efficiently, while reducing the risk of caregiver injury.

#### **PRIOR TO USE:**

Visually inspect both sides of the Air-Assist to ensure that the device is intact and free from damage before use.

#### **INDICATIONS**

- · Patients who are unable to assist in lateral transfer, or repositioning.
- Patients whose weight or BMI poses a potential health risk for the caregiver(s) responsible for repositioning and/or laterally transferring said patient.

#### **INTENDED USE:**

The Air-Assist is a non-sterile, single-use device intended to facilitate patient transfers and/or repositioning in hospital settings.

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

This device is not designed, sold, or intended for use except as indicated.

#### KNOWLEDGE AND INTENDED SETTING

Device intended for use by trained healthcare personnel. Device use limited to hospital settings.

## **CLINICAL BENEFITS:**

- · Provides a safe and effective method for patient transfer and repositioning.
- Reduces the physical strain and injury risk for healthcare personnel.
- · Helps manage safe transfer of heavy/high-BMI patients.

#### **INTENDED USER**

This device is intended for use by trained healthcare professionals only.

#### **INTENDED CARE SETTINGS**

Intended for hospital settings.

## **PRECAUTION**

- The Air-Assist should be used in accordance with the instructions for use and with attention to any contraindications, warnings, or precautions provided by the manufacturer of the associated equipment.
- · Be sure to follow your facility's policies and guidelines for frequency of patient monitoring.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Healthcare personnel must verify that all caster brakes have been engaged prior to transfer.
- · Use a minimum of three healthcare personnel during air-assisted lateral patient transfers.
- Never leave the patient unattended when the device is inflated.
- Use this product only for its intended purposes, as described in this manual.
- Only use attachments and/or accessories that are authorized by Xodus Medical.
- · Never attempt to transfer a patient on an uninflated Air-Assist.
- · Follow hospital protocol for safe disposal of product following use.
- The Air-Assist is designed to work with most common patient transfer blowers, before use, please consult your local Xodus Medical representative, or email info@xodusmedical.com to confirm compatibility with the Air-Assist.

#### \*WARNINGS:

- The Air-Assist is designed and tested to support patient loads up to 800 lbs (363 kg).
- · Before use, make sure the air hose is securely fastened in the Air-Assist inlet
- · Air-Assist Power Lift is not for use in the presence of flammable anesthetics or in a hyperbaric chamber or oxygen tent.
- · Route the Air-Assist Power Lift power cord in a manner to ensure freedom from hazard.
- Avoid blocking the air intakes of the Air-Assist Power Lift.
- Avoid electric shock. Do not open Air-Assist Power Lift container.
- This device was designed, test and manufactured for single patient use only. Reuse or reprocessing of this device may lead to its failure or subsequent injury.
- · Reprocessing of this device may create the risk of contamination and patient infection.
- Do not reuse or reprocess this device.
- Follow Air-Assist Power Lift IFU for correct usage.
- · Please visually inspect for breaches of packaging integrity prior to use. Do not use if damaged, opened, or breached.
- Power Lift Unit must be turned-off prior to the start of the procedure.
- Notice to the User and/or patient that any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device should be reported and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or patient is established, as well as Xodus Medical and its Authorized Representative.

#### **DISPOSAL**

After use, Air-Assist should be disposed of in accordance with hospital policy.

#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

- · Materials of manufacture include:
- Nylon material, non-woven material, nylon strap
- · Shelf Life indefinite

# STORAGE, TRANSPORT, AND OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

• The Air-Assist should be stored in a clean, dry location at room temperature prior to use. Avoid prolonged exposure to elevated temperatures.

#### **ATTENTION**

- To avoid unwanted movement healthcare personnel must position themselves on either side of the patient at all times during positioning and repositioning.
- · Red handles are designed to move the air-assist and patient when the system is inflated

# PREPARATION AND USE

#### PATIENT TRANSFER

- Patient should preferably be in a supine position.
- When transferring a patient: Place the Air-Assist underneath patient using a log-rolling technique and secure body strap without over tightening. Lower the bed rails following inflation and prior to transfer.
- 3. When transferring a patient, assure Air-Assist is centered under the patient prior to inflation. Raise bed rails following transfer of patient and deflation of Air-Assist.
- 4. Insert the hose nozzle into either of two hose entries at the foot end of the Air-Assist and snap into place. (*Refer to Figure B*)
- 5. Plug the Air-Assist Power Lift power cord into an electric outlet.
- 6. Ensure that transfer surfaces are as close as possible and lock all wheels.
- 7. If possible, transfer from a higher surface to a lower surface.
- 8. Turn on the Air-Assist Power Lift.
- 9. With the Air-Assist fully inflated and a healthcare personnel on each side of the Air-Assist and one located at the foot-end, use the red handles of the Air-Assist to push or pull the Air-Assist at an angle, either head-first or feet-first. When halfway across separate surfaces, opposite caregiver should grasp closest red handles and pull to desired location. Ensure healthcare personnel at foot end guides patient's feet during the transfer. (*Refer to Figure C, D, E*)
- 10. Ensure the patient is centered on receiving equipment prior to deflation.
- 11. Turn off the Air-Assist Power Lift. This will deflate the mattress (if transferring to a stretcher, raise the bed/stretcher rails).
- 12. Disconnect the air hose from the Air Assist.







Figure B

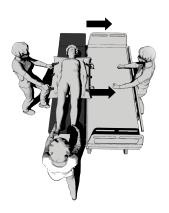


Figure C



Figure D

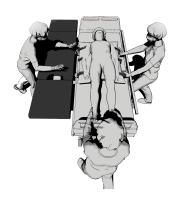


Figure E









Non-Sterile



Caution, Consult Accompanying Documents



Not Made with Natural Rubber Latex



Do Not Re-use



Do Not Use If The Package Is Damaged Or Opened







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