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QUICK-CONNECT
CARRIER
ITEM: **3245-19123**
USER MANUAL

Side By Side Application:



Training Requirements: 2 x Staff
1 x Patient
1 x Quick-Connect Carrier Stretcher

Points to Remember:

- Use the Quick-Connect Carrier only on flat surfaces.
- Pull the patient's clothing tight at the shoulders and bottom to prevent pinching.
- Pull the patient's clothing out laterally, never upwards, otherwise spinal column movement may occur.
- Minimal movement of the patient should occur during the application.
- The steps outlined in this manual are general guidelines for use. Always remember to use local protocol when using the Quick-Connect Carrier.

STEP 1

Both operators place the Quick-Connect Carrier at the patient's side.

STEP 2

Extend the Quick-Connect Carrier to the correct length before splitting. For measuring the device, position the Quick-Connect Carrier so that a shoulder speed clip attachment point lies 1 cm below the level of the patient's shoulders.

Loosen the leg extension locks and adjust the leg section to correct length (heels of patient's feet level with the bottom of the foot plate). Re-tighten locks to finger pressure only.

STEP 3

Split the Quick-Connect Carrier in half and place appropriate sections on either side of the patient.

STEP 4

To apply Quick-Connect Carrier both operators now move to the same side of the patient.

STEP 5

Operator 1, at the patient's chest, grasps patient's clothing at the shoulder with their upper hand and gently pulls the clothing tight laterally to prevent pinching during the Quick-Connect Carrier application. Operator 1's lower hand is placed on the side of the Break-Apart Stretcher lower down.

Operator 2, at the patient's pelvis, grasps the patient's clothing at the patient's bottom with his upper hand and gently pulls the clothing tight laterally to prevent pinching during the Break-Apart Stretcher application. Operator 2's lower hand is placed on the side of the stretcher at the leg extension pole.

The side of the stretcher is slowly and gently slid under the patient until it is about half-way under the patient.

STEP 6

Both operators move to the opposite side of the patient and carry out step 5 again until the locking mechanisms at the head and foot ends are touching.

STEP 7

Both operators now move to the head end of the Quick-Connect Carrier. While operator 1 closes the head locking mechanism, operator 2 places lateral inward pressure on the sides of the Quick-Connect Carrier stretcher, no more than 30 cm from the locking pin to allow the 2 halves of the lock to come together easily.

STEP 8

Operator 2 moves to the foot end of the Quick-Connect Carrier and closes the foot locking mechanism.

At the same time, Operator 1 straddles over the patient and pulls the clothing laterally at the patient's pelvis, while helping to close the locks by using his heels against the extension poles.

STEP 9

The patient can now be immobilized to the Quick-Connect Carrier for transport.

If the patient is supine on the Quick-Connect Carrier, place the Quick-Connect Carrier on the ambulance stretcher with the head of the stretcher pre-raised one notch so that there is no pressure on the patient's spinal column.

Scissor Application:

Training Requirements:

2 x Staff
1 x Patient
1 x Quick-Connect Carrier Stretcher



Points to Remember:

- Use the Quick-Connect Carrier only on flat surfaces.
- Pull the patient's clothing tight at the shoulders and bottom to prevent pinching.
- Pull the patient's clothing out laterally, never upwards, otherwise spinal column movement may occur.
- Minimal movement of the patient should occur during the application.
- The steps outlined in this manual are general guidelines for use. Always remember to use local protocol when using the Quick-Connect Stretcher.

STEP 1

The operator places the Quick-Connect Carrier at the patient's side.

Extend the Quick-Connect Carrier to the correct length before splitting. For measuring the device, position the Stretcher so that the shoulder speed clip attachment point lies 1 cm below the level of the patient's shoulders.

Loosen the Quick-Connect Carrier's leg extension locks and adjust the leg section to the correct length (patient's heels of feet level with the bottom of the foot plate). Re-tighten locks to finger pressure only.

STEP 2

Split the Quick-Connect Carrier at the foot end (leaving head end closed) and straddle over patient's legs.

STEP 3

The Quick-Connect Carrier is now laid on the ground with the bottom of the body plates level with the patient's arms.

Slide the Quick-Connect Carrier down the patient into position until the head locking mechanism is 2 cm above the top of the patient's head.

STEP 4

The operator now grasps the patient's clothing at their shoulders and gently pulls the clothes tight laterally to prevent pinching during the application.

The operator then places their feet at sides of the Quick-Connect Carrier, with the heels of the feet against the stretcher, begins to push the side plates of the stretcher under the patient until the plates touch the patient's bottom.

STEP 5

The operator now moves down to the patient's pelvic region and again straddles over the patient. The operator then grasps the patient's clothing at the patient's bottom and gently pulls the clothes out laterally so they are tight (to prevent pinching).

The operator's feet are placed at the sides of the Quick-Connect Carrier, and with the heels of the feet at the leg extension poles, begins to push the side plates of the stretcher under the patient until both sides of the foot locking mechanism touch.

STEP 6

Once both sides of the foot locking mechanism touch, the operator turns around, again places feet at the sides of the Quick-Connect Carrier with their heels at the leg extension poles, provides inward lateral pressure with the heels of their feet and closes the locking mechanism.

The patient can now be immobilized to the Quick-Connect Carrier Stretcher for transport.

If the patient is supine on the Quick-Connect Carrier with a potential of actual SCI, place the Quick-Connect Carrier on the ambulance stretcher with the head of the ambulance stretcher pre-raised one notch so that there is no pressure on the spinal column.

Restraints and Head Immobilizer:

Always use patient restraints. Use a head immobilizer and cervical collar as required per local protocol. Each stretcher model has slots for hand holds, patient restraints and head immobilizer straps. Always lift the stretcher by hand using designated hand holds.

Care Instructions:

Maintenance:

The Quick-Connect Carrier requires regular maintenance. Set up and follow a maintenance schedule. Always inspect the stretcher after use to make sure that all hinges and locking mechanisms are functioning properly.

If any damage is detected, refrain from using the stretcher and contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.

Periodically lubricate extension poles and hinges to help keep the stretcher free from jams.

Cleaning:

1. Wipe or spray all surfaces of the Quick-Connect Carrier with warm water and a mild detergent. If necessary, use a stiff bristled brush (do not use a wire brush).
2. Rinse the backboard with warm water.
3. Dry the backboard with a towel or allow it to air dry.

Decontamination Process:

- Wipe with a 3% Chlorine Solution.
- Air dry.



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