

Vacuum Cushions *For Radiation Therapy*



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Klarity Vacuum Cushions are medical devices for patient positioning and immobilization in radiation therapy and other medical applications. Each cushion contains small polystyrene spheres surrounded by a durable polyurethane coated nylon fabric. An evacuation pump is used to evacuate air from the cushion, causing the spheres to mold into a tightly formed shape, conforming to a patient's body. Cushions will hold this shape securely until air is allowed back into the cushion through the connecting valve.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- 1. Check the expiration date and make certain the vacuum cushion is in good condition.
- 2. Flatten out the cushion to distribute the filling evenly.
- 3. Position the patient on the cushion, and connect the hose to the cushion and vacuum pump.
- 4. Start the vacuum pump and generate a slight vacuum, then stop the pump. Mold the cushion around the body to provide the desired positioning.
- 5. Restart the pump until the cushion becomes rigid, holding the body securely. This process may take 5 minutes or longer. Evacuate the bag till the negative pressure is 0.08MPa/24inHG. Keep evacuating for 5-10 minutes. (When the pressure value reaches 0.08MPa/24inHG, it will not increase. Another 5 to 10-minute evacuation is required to help make sure the evacuated bag will hold its shape for the duration of the treatment period.)
- 6. Disconnect the hose from the cushion and stop the pump.

Warnings:

- 1. Care should be taken to keep the cushion valve out of the radiation treatment path.
- 2. Check the molded vacuum cushions regularly. Keep away from sharp objects to avoid puncturing.
- 3. Normally a vacuum cushion will keep its shape for more than 60 days, but no patient treatment should be started until the patient positioning has been carefully checked.
- 4. Keep away from hot surfaces or heat sources that can damage the nylon cushion.

Care and Cleaning

- 1. Store in a clean ventilated environment.
- 2. Clean with mild soap and lukewarm water, or with a mild alcohol based disinfectant applied with a soft cloth. Avoid aerosol sprays, bleach, solvents or abrasive detergents.

To be used under the guidance of a qualified medical professional.

