

# WAFFLE™

## Overlay



### Indications for Use

#### Primary

- Prevention and management of pressure injuries
- Comfort

#### Secondary

- Assists caregivers with patient turning, repositioning and lateral transfers

### Contraindications

- Unstable spine
- Recent sacral flap or graft surgery, unless otherwise determined by physician
- Patients with contraindications for the prone position per facility protocol should not be placed in the prone position on the WAFFLE Overlay

### Interventions

- Hand checks should be performed at least once per shift and after repositioning
- Ensure airway remains unobstructed in patients who are unable to reposition self
- The WAFFLE Overlay straps may be a ligature risk for some patients. Follow your facility's ligature risk policy.

### Additional Information:

- Single patient use
- Patients may require the WAFFLE Bariatric Overlay based on body type
- The WAFFLE Overlay can be used across the continuum of care
- Weight limit: 600 pounds
- Ensure there is a sheet between the overlay and patient

## Instructions for Use

### Set-Up

#### Step 1: Prepare



Unfold the overlay with the closed red and clear valves facing up at the foot of the bed. The red valve is for rapid deflation (CPR). Secure the straps under the corners of the bed.

#### Step 2: Inflate



Using the clear valve, inflate the overlay with the WAFFLE® M.A.D. Hand Pump. The recommended number of strokes can be found on the pump or overlay and should be used as a starting point.

#### Step 3: Check



To check for proper inflation, slide your hand between the overlay and support surface, under the patient's sacral area. Your hand should slide easily beneath the patient and you should notice approximately 1/2 inch to 1 inch of air. If there is more than 1 inch of air, remove air by tapping the clear valve. If your hand does not slide easily beneath the patient, add additional air.

### Turning and Repositioning

#### Step 1: Position Patient



The caregiver on one side of the support surface grasps the overlay hand wells. He or she hands off the overlay to the caregiver on the opposite side, while rolling the patient.

#### Step 2: Place Wedges



Place the first Position Perfect® Wedge just above the waist area and the second just below the hip area, one hand-width apart, to offload the sacrum. Return the patient down onto the wedges.

#### Step 3: Check



The wedges are properly positioned when you can slide your hand between them and verify the sacrum is offloaded.

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# WAFFLE® Overlay Additional Instructions for Use

## Lateral Patient Transfers

Weight limit: 350 lbs.

### Step 1: Prepare Surfaces



Ensure both surfaces are at a comfortable height and are locked in place.

### Step 2: Release Overlay Straps



Remove the overlay straps from underneath the corners of the support surface.

### Step 3: Transfer Patient



Grasp the hand wells and gently slide the patient onto the receiving surface.

## Prone Position

### Step 1: Deflate Overlay



Prior to repositioning the patient from supine to prone, deflate the overlay and ensure the straps are looped under the corners. **Follow your facility protocol for placing a patient into the prone position.**

### Step 2: Inflate



Once the patient is in the prone position, inflate the overlay. Reinflation may require less air than listed on the product.

### Step 3: Check



To check for proper inflation, slide your hand between the overlay and support surface, under the patient's iliac crest area. Your hand should slide easily beneath the patient and you should notice approximately 1/2 inch to 1 inch of air. If there is more than 1 inch of air, remove air by tapping the clear valve. If your hand does not slide easily beneath the patient, add air.

## Cleaning Instructions

The WAFFLE Overlay is single patient use but can be cleaned with standard hospital cleaning wipes if soiled. A complete list of approved cleaning products is available upon request.

**For complete instructions, refer to product package insert.**



Scan the QR code to view an instructional video.



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