



## **APLS Gurney Guard**

**GG-2272CL**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

#### **Product Description:**

The APLS Gurney Guard is a disposable absorbent pad designed for use on top of litters and stretchers to contain blood and other bodily fluids during patient transport and care. The pad enhances patient comfort, protects medical personnel and equipment, and improves the efficiency of the cleanup process. The APLS Gurney Guard features a highly absorbent core that can retain up to 2.9 liters of fluids, including saline, betadine, and sterilant. The pad is constructed with a leak-proof polyethylene backing, ensuring that fluids do not penetrate through to the stretcher or litter. Lightweight, durable, and vacuum-packed, the APLS Gurney Guard is an essential component in maintaining safety, cleanliness, and infection control in medical environments.

#### **Intended Use:**

The APLS Gurney Guard is intended for use by medical personnel to absorb and contain fluids during patient transport on litters and stretchers, improving comfort and safety while facilitating efficient cleanup and infection control.

#### **Precautions:**

- **For Single Use Only:** The APLS Gurney Guard is designed for single use. Reuse may compromise the absorbency and integrity of the pad, increasing the risk of contamination.
- **Avoid Sharp Objects:** Ensure that sharp objects do not puncture or tear the polyethylene backing or absorbent core, as this could reduce the effectiveness of the product.
- **Proper Disposal:** After use, dispose of the APLS Gurney Guard according to local regulations for medical waste to prevent contamination and environmental impact.

#### **Instructions for Use:**

##### **1. Preparation:**

- Inspect the vacuum-sealed packaging for any signs of damage before use. If the packaging is compromised, do not use the product and obtain a replacement.
- Ensure that the litter or stretcher is clean, dry, and ready for the APLS Gurney Guard to be placed on top.



## **2. Deployment:**

- Carefully open the packaging, taking care not to damage the pad inside.
- Unfold the APLS Gurney Guard completely and lay it flat on top of the litter or stretcher, with the absorbent side facing upward and the leak-proof polyethylene backing against the surface of the litter or stretcher.

## **3. Patient Placement:**

- Gently position the patient on top of the APLS Gurney Guard, ensuring that their body is fully supported by the pad.
- Adjust the pad as necessary to ensure it covers the areas where fluids are most likely to accumulate during transport.

## **4. During Use:**

- Monitor the APLS Gurney Guard for signs of saturation. The pad's highly absorbent core will retain up to 2.9 liters of fluids, keeping the patient and equipment dry.
- If the pad becomes saturated, prioritize quick transport to a medical facility where the patient can be transferred to a clean surface.

## **5. Post-Use Disposal:**

- After the patient has been safely transferred to a medical facility, carefully remove the APLS Gurney Guard from the litter or stretcher.
- Dispose of the used pad according to your facility's medical waste disposal protocols. The pad should be treated as contaminated medical waste due to its exposure to blood and bodily fluids.

## **6. Storage:**

- Store unused APLS Gurney Guard in their original packaging in a cool, dry place, away from sharp objects. Proper storage ensures the pad maintains its effectiveness until needed.

## **Additional Notes:**

- **Infection Control:** The APLS Gurney Guard plays a critical role in maintaining a clean and safe environment by containing fluids during patient transport, reducing the risk of cross-contamination and infection.
- **Training:** It is recommended that medical personnel be trained in the proper deployment and disposal of the APLS Gurney Guard to maximize its effectiveness and ensure compliance with safety protocols.

**Always follow your local Medical Direction and Protocols  
for patient movement and hypothermia treatment.**