



APLS Surgery Soaker

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Product Description:

The APLS Surgery Soaker is a disposable absorbent pad designed to contain blood, bodily fluids, and solutions during surgical procedures. Suitable for use in both military and civilian medical environments, the Surgery Soaker features a highly absorbent core capable of retaining up to 3.25 liters of fluids, including saline, betadine, and sterilant(s). The pad is constructed with a leak-proof poly backing and reinforced straps that secure it to operating room tables. The lightweight, strong, and durable design enhances safety and cleanliness in the surgical environment while reducing the expense, time, and risk associated with post-surgery cleanup. The pad is vacuum-packed for easy storage and handling.

Intended Use:

The APLS Surgery Soaker is intended for use under operating room tables to absorb and contain fluids during surgical procedures, thereby maintaining a clean and dry environment, reducing the risk of infection, and improving workplace safety.

Precautions:

- **For Single Use Only:** The Surgery Soaker is designed for single use. Reuse may compromise the absorbency and integrity of the product, increasing the risk of contamination.
- **Avoid Sharp Objects:** Be cautious not to puncture the pad with surgical instruments or other sharp objects, as this could reduce its effectiveness.
- **Proper Disposal:** After use, dispose of the Surgery Soaker according to local regulations for medical waste to prevent contamination and environmental impact.
- **Weight Support:** Ensure the pad is used within its weight support limit of 1.02 - 1.06 lbs. (0.46 - 0.48 kg).

Instructions for Use:

1. Preparation:

- Inspect the packaging for any signs of damage before use. If the vacuum pack is compromised, do not use the product and obtain a replacement.
- Ensure that the operating room table is clear and ready for the pad to be placed.



2. Deployment:

- Carefully open the vacuum-sealed packaging without using excessive force to avoid damaging the pad inside.
- Unfold the Surgery Soaker completely and lay it flat on the operating room table, with the absorbent side facing upward and the poly backing against the table surface.

3. Securing the Pad:

- Position the Surgery Soaker under the patient in a way that will effectively capture and contain any fluids during the procedure.
- Use the reinforced straps to securely attach the pad to the operating room table. Ensure the straps are tight enough to prevent movement but not so tight as to cause the pad to wrinkle or bunch up.

4. During Surgery:

- Monitor the Surgery Soaker during the procedure to ensure it is effectively containing fluids. The pad's highly absorbent core will retain up to 3.25 liters of fluids, keeping the area under the patient dry.
- If the pad becomes saturated or if fluids are observed leaking from the edges, immediately replace it with a new Surgery Soaker to maintain a clean and safe environment.

5. Post-Procedure Cleanup:

- After the surgery, carefully detach the reinforced straps and remove the Surgery Soaker from the table.
- 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 Surgery Soakers in their original vacuum-sealed packaging in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and sharp objects. Proper storage ensures the pad maintains its effectiveness until needed.

Additional Notes:

- **Infection Control:** The use of the Surgery Soaker can significantly reduce the risk of cross-contamination and infection by containing fluids during surgery. It is an essential part of maintaining a sterile environment.
- **Training:** It is recommended that operating room staff be trained in the proper deployment and disposal of the Surgery Soaker to maximize its effectiveness and ensure compliance with safety protocols.



- **Cost Efficiency:** The Surgery Soaker not only improves cleanliness and safety but also reduces the time and expense associated with cleaning the operating room after procedures.

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