



## **APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

#### **Product Description:**

The APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus is a portable and disposable litter that includes all of the features of our signature. APLS Transport stretcher plus an additional layer of padding for incremental patient comfort. APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus is constructed with a durable canvas and highly absorbent core that absorbs up to 2.5 liters of fluid and supports up to 325 pounds, wet or dry. The additional padding provides comfort to pressure points while the treated nylon backing protects against wind and moisture. APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus can be used for emergency patient transport, on top of hard litters and stretchers, in operating rooms and as a transfer sheet. Each APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus is individually packed in a waterproof bag to safeguard the cellulose core from water damage and contamination.

#### **Intended Use:**

The APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus is intended for use by emergency personnel, first responders, and other trained individuals to safely and efficiently transport injured patients from hazardous or inaccessible locations.

#### **Precautions:**

- **For Professional Use Only:** The APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus should be handled by trained personnel familiar with emergency transport procedures.
- **Single Use Only:** The stretcher is designed for single use. Reuse may compromise its structural integrity and absorbency, increasing the risk to the patient.
- **Weight Limit:** Do not exceed the stretcher's weight limit of 325 pounds (147 kg). Overloading may result in failure and injury.
- **Avoid Sharp Objects:** Ensure that sharp objects do not puncture or tear the canvas, nylon backing, or absorbent core, as this could reduce the product's effectiveness.

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

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

- Inspect the waterproof 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 area around the injured person is safe and stable before attempting to deploy the APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus.

## **2. Deployment:**

- Carefully open the waterproof bag, taking care not to damage the stretcher inside.
- Unfold the APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus completely and lay it flat on the ground, with the treated nylon backing in contact with the surface. This will protect the patient from wind, moisture, and cold.

## **3. Patient Placement:**

- If the patient is conscious and able to assist, guide them gently onto the stretcher. If the patient is unconscious or unable to move, carefully roll them onto the APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus using standard lifting techniques to minimize movement and prevent further injury.
- Ensure that the patient's body is centered on the stretcher and that their head, torso, and limbs are fully supported.

## **4. Securing the Patient:**

- If the situation permits, use additional securing devices, such as straps or blankets, to stabilize the patient on the stretcher. This is especially important in rough terrain or during extended transport.
- Ensure that the nylon backing is properly positioned to shield the patient from wind and moisture, keeping them as warm and dry as possible.

## **5. Transport:**

- Utilize APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus's built-in handles to lift and carry the patient. Distribute the weight evenly among the rescuers to prevent strain and ensure a stable and controlled movement.
- Maintain clear communication among all personnel involved in the transport to coordinate movements and ensure the safety of both the patient and the rescuers.
- Avoid unnecessary jostling or sudden movements that could exacerbate the patient's injuries.

## **6. Fluid Management:**

- The highly absorbent core of the APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus will automatically wick fluids away from the patient during transport. Monitor the stretcher for signs of saturation.
- If the stretcher becomes saturated or if fluids are observed leaking from the edges, prioritize quick transport to a medical facility where the patient can be transferred to a dry surface.



#### 7. Post-Use Disposal:

- After the patient has been safely transferred to a medical facility, carefully remove the APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus.
- Dispose of the stretcher according to local medical waste disposal regulations. The product is not designed for reuse.

#### Additional Notes:

- **Training:** It is recommended that emergency personnel undergo training in the proper deployment and use of the APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus to ensure proficiency during actual emergencies.
- **Storage:** Store unused APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus stretchers in their original waterproof packaging in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and sharp objects. Proper storage ensures the stretcher maintains its effectiveness until needed.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** The APLS Transport w/ Comfort Plus is a critical component of emergency preparedness kits, especially in environments where traditional stretchers may not be available.

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