



Instructions for use

X-MKK-DIS004 Padded mitt with inspection opening



Intended use:

A mitt provides a bolstered cover around the hand and fingers to prevent self injury and to prevent the interruption of medical treatment.

Indications for use:

- Patients assessed to be at risk of disrupting life-saving treatments (e.g, chronic tube pulling).
- Patients assessed to be at risk of line pulling, which may prevent monitoring of vital signs.
- Patients whose picking, pulling, scratching, or peeling exacerbates a skin condition, causes selfinjury, or compromises wound site integrity.

Contraindications:

- **DO NOT** use on a patient who is or becomes highly aggressive, combative, agitated, or suicidal.
- **NEVER** use mitts on a patient:
 - If an IV or wound site could be compromised by the device
 - With a dislocation or fracture on the affected limb.



Application instructions (repeat steps 1-3 for each mitt):

1. Insert the patient's hand into the mitt, palm down. When the inspection flap is open, the back of the hand should be visible.
2. Wrap the wrist strap around the smallest part of the patient's wrist, over the top of the wrist, through the plastic ring and secure it by attaching the Velcro strap.
3. Slide one finger between the device and the inside of the patient's wrist to ensure proper fit. The strap must be snug, but not compromise circulation.

To view hand/fingers:

1. Reach under the inspection flap, detach the hook-and-loop fastener, and pull back the flap to expose the hand.
2. To close the inspection flap, tuck into the end of the mitt and press the hook-and-loop closure together firmly.

Monitor per facility policy. Check to ensure that:

- Mitts are properly secured. If applied too tightly, circulation will be restricted; if applied too loosely, the patient may be able to slip his or her limb from the device;
- Mitts are intact, not torn or damaged, and hook and loop closes securely. **DO NOT** allow patients to ingest mitt material;
- The patient cannot use his or her teeth or otherwise remove the device and inflict self-injury;
- Monitor closely when the patient is out of bed. Patients who ambulate while wearing this device may be at risk of injury from a fall.

Adverse Reactions:

Severe emotional, psychological, or physical problems may occur: if the applied device is uncomfortable; or if it severely limits movement. If symptoms of these problems ever appear for any reason, get help from a qualified medical authority and find a less restrictive, product or intervention.

Before applying any restraint:

- Make a complete assessment of the patient to ensure restraint use is appropriate.
- Identify the patient's symptoms and, if possible, remove the cause. You may need to: cater to individual needs and routines; increase rehabilitation and restorative nursing; modify the environment; or increase supervision.
- Use a restraint only when all other options have failed. Use the least restrictive device, for the shortest time, until you find a less restrictive alternative. Patients have the right to be free from restraint.
- Obtain informed consent from the patient or guardian prior to use. Explain the reason for restraint use to the patient and/or guardian to help ensure cooperation.
- A restraint must only be used in accord with the patient's Individualized Care Plan (ICP). The ICP is an assessment by an interdisciplinary team, which may include, but is not limited to: PT, OT, Nursing, the Physician, and Social Services. The ICP should include: restorative nursing; patient release; and pressure sore prevention.

**This is a single patient use product.**

Reuse of this product on different patients could cause cross-contamination or product malfunctions. Human Protection B.V. cannot be held liable for the risks that come from re-using single patient use items on different patients.

LAUNDERING INSTRUCTIONS (if applicable):

- Fasten all buckles and locks to reduce risk of damage during wash and dry cycles. DO NOT put buckles or locks through extractors. For maximum life, launder in a laundry bag.
- Hook and loop fasteners may collect lint after repeated use or laundering, reducing grip strength. Fasten the “hook” to the “loop” before laundering to help prevent lint buildup. As needed, use a stiff- bristle brush to remove lint from the “hook” side.
- For non-contaminated material, use lower temperature wash and dry cycles to extend product life. Maximum washing temperature is 60 degrees Celsius.

**NOTE:**

Just as patient behavior is not 100% predictable, no product is 100% foolproof. Patient safety requires regular reassessment and monitoring per facility policy. A product that worked in the past may be inappropriate if the patient’s mental or physical health status changes. NEVER apply any product that you feel is unsafe. Consult with the proper medical authority if you have questions about patient safety.

**Additional warnings:**

1. Improper application or use of any restraint may result in serious injury or death.
2. ALWAYS monitor patient per facility policy.
3. Be aware that constant monitoring may be required for:
 - o Aggressive or agitated patients; and
 - o Patients deemed at risk of aspirating their vomit. This includes patients in the supine position, or who are not able to sit up. If the patient vomits, he or she could aspirate the vomit and suffocate.
 - o Be prepared to intervene at the first sign of danger. Such patients require frequent review and evaluation of their physical and psychological status.
4. NEVER alter or repair this product. ALWAYS Inspect before each use: Check for broken stitches or parts; torn, cut or frayed material or locks, buckles, or hook and loop fasteners that do not hold securely. DO NOT use soiled or damaged products. Doing so may result in serious injury or death. Dispose of damaged products per facility policy for BIOHAZARDOUS material.
5. NEVER use restraining products on toilets, or on any chair or furniture that does not allow proper application as directed in the application instructions. DO NOT use at home.
6. NEVER expose this product to open flame, fire, smoking materials, or high heat sources. Some products may melt or ignite and burn. The facility smoking/no smoking policy should be strictly enforced.
7. ALWAYS report severe incidents to Human Protection B.V. and to the responsible local authorities.

Storage and handling:

- This device is designed for use in normal indoor environments.
- This device may be stored in ambient warehouse temperatures at normal humidity levels. Avoid excess moisture or high humidity that may damage product materials.