



Engage APOD™ Wheelchair Cushion (Advanced Positioning Orthotic Device)

A Guide for the Healthcare Professional

Product Purpose: To promote proper body alignment when sitting in the wheelchair, provide pressure redistribution in the pelvic area, and improve comfort and safety.



Cushion Use:

1. Place the Engage APOD™ cushion in the seat of the wheelchair with the raised area facing the front of the wheelchair.
 - a. The Engage APOD™ cushion must fit the width of the wheelchair exactly so that the sides are in contact with the metal frame of the wheelchair seat.
 - b. **DO NOT use the Engage APOD™ in any seat other than a sling seat wheelchair.**
2. Secure the Engage APOD™ to the wheelchair with the yellow straps at the back of the cushion; wrap the straps around the back of the wheelchair, fit the slide closure together until it locks in place. Tighten strap as needed.
3. For wheelchair safety, ensure rear anti-tippers are in place.
4. Position the patient in the wheelchair so that the pelvis is behind the raised front end of the Engage APOD™ and the thighs are supported by the cushion front.
5. Adjust the footrest so that the feet are properly supported; the thigh should gently be in contact with the front of the Engage APOD™ when the feet are in proper position on the footrest (or on the floor if no footrest is used).
 - a. AVOID pressure behind the knee; adjust the foot support so that the patient does not have to reach for contact with the foot support. Add a height adjustment pad to footrest if indicated. If height < 5'5", adjustment pad will most likely be necessary.
 - b. AVOID dumping weight to the pelvic area; lower the footrest if the thigh is positioned above the front of the Engage APOD™. If > 6' adjustment may be required.
6. Adjust the wheelchair back if using a reclining style wheelchair; reclining the back of the chair 15-30° generally provides the best body alignment and comfort.
7. Observe the ability of the body to conform to the Engage APOD™ without discomfort or undue pressure points; overall alignment should be improved and the patient should experience improved comfort when the positioning device is providing proper support. **Discontinue the Engage APOD™ and seek other seating recommendations if; proper alignment is not achieved, patient complains of pain due to the Engage APOD™, a new skin ulcer occurs in the pelvic area or existing skin ulcers worsen.**

Product Cleaning

1. Do not immerse in water or cleaning solutions.
2. Do not saturate with water or cleaning solutions.
3. Wipe clean with soap and water if soiled.

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Improper support
2" gap between
shoe & footrest



Adjustment pad,
L-shaped Foot
Hugger