



# Panacea®

# SUSPENSION BOOT, AIR

## Owner's Manual

Thank you for purchasing the Panacea® Suspension Boot from Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings®, a division of Direct Supply, Inc. Please read this entire manual carefully and keep it for future reference. This manual will provide you with instructions, warnings, warranty information and other important information about your device.

**⚠ WARNING:** The Panacea Suspension Boot must be removed at least once every 8 to 12 hours, or as ordered by a licensed healthcare professional, to check the patient's skin for ischemia or discoloration.

### Indications for Use

Individuals unable to avoid long periods of uninterrupted pressure over bony prominences are at increased risk for the development of necrosis and ulceration. The Panacea Suspension Boot is designed to help minimize pressure and friction on the skin, thus helping to prevent and provide relief from pressure sores. The cushioned design distributes the weight of the heel over a larger area, reducing pressure and increasing blood flow. A removable gel-pack may be heated or cooled for hot/cold therapy. This product may not be appropriate for all individuals and is intended for use in normal, indoor conditions by a licensed healthcare professional.

### Directions for Use

The Panacea Suspension Boot features an adaptable strap that permits this device to be secured at two alternate positions. Please compare Figures *D* and *G*. Figure *D* permits this device to be secured, one strap at the ankle and one at the instep. Figure *G* permits this device to be secured, both straps at the ankle. The ankle/instep option should typically be used if your patient's foot moves rearward in the Suspension Boot or if the foot moves to the left or right inside the device.

#### Ankle/Instep Option

1. Place patient's foot inside the Suspension Boot. Make certain the heel is suspended over the pocket (*A*).
2. Slide the lower strap attached to the webbing strip toward the toes (*B*).
3. Guide the Instep strap over and into the web loop closest to the toes on the opposite side (*C*) and secure the hook and loop closure (*D*).
4. Guide the Ankle strap over and into the web loop closest to the top of the ankle on the opposite side (*C*) and secure the hook and loop closure (*D*).
5. The closures should be snug, but not tight.

#### Ankle-Only Option

1. Place patient's foot inside the Suspension Boot. Make certain the heel is suspended over the pocket (*A*).
2. Slide the lower strap attached to the webbing strip toward the ankle (*E*).
3. Guide the Instep strap over and into the web loop closest to the ankle on the opposite side (*F*) and secure the hook and loop closure (*G*).
4. Guide the Ankle strap over and into the web loop closest to the top of the ankle on the opposite side (*F*) and secure the hook and loop closure (*G*).
5. The closures should be snug, but not tight.

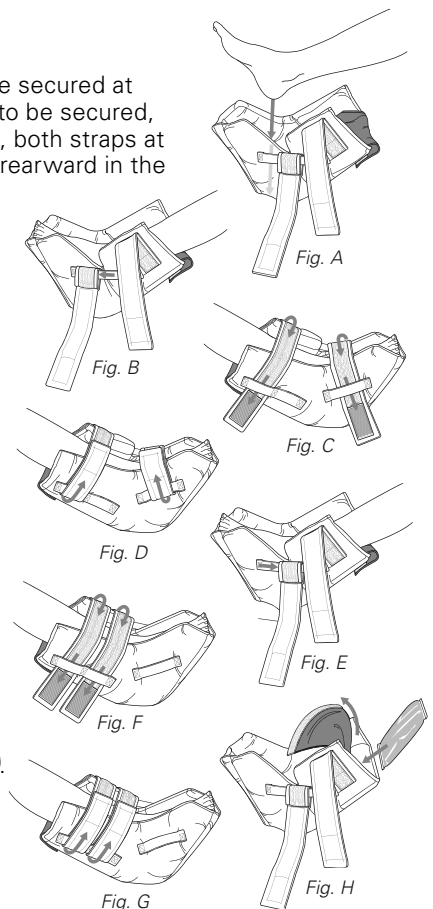
#### Gel-Pack (Hot/Cold Therapy)

The gel-pack is easily removed by opening the pocket at the back of the Suspension Boot (*H*).

- For Hot Therapy: Place the gel-pack inside the microwave. Set the microwave to the defrost setting and the timer for 2.5 minutes. Press start. If your microwave does not have a defrost setting, set the microwave on the lowest setting and set the timer for 1 minute. Press start. **⚠ CAUTION:** HANDLE HEATED GEL-PACK WITH CARE.
- For Cold Therapy: Place the gel-pack in the freezer for 2 hours.

**⚠ WARNING:** Avoid direct skin contact. Gel-pack may cause frostbite or burns.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Handle with care when removing gel-pack from heat or cold source. Do not lie or sleep on pack. If pack becomes uncomfortable, remove immediately.



## Cleaning Instructions

This device should not be laundered or dried at temperatures that exceed 180°F (82°C). Do not use chlorine bleach. Remove gel-pack before laundering.

## Limited Warranty

We, Direct Supply Manufacturing, Inc. offer to you, as the original purchaser, a warranty for the Panacea Suspension Boot. Our warranty applies for the limited warranty period stated below. If any device or device part listed below is defective in material or workmanship during the applicable limited warranty period, we will repair or replace it at our cost. Please note that the decision to repair or replace a device or device part will be at our discretion.

Our warranty applies only if the device is properly maintained by the original purchaser for normal, indoor use and does not cover normal wear and tear, modification of the device, or damage caused by abuse, improper use, failure to maintain, use which exceeds the published device limitations, or the combination of any device with another device. In addition, our warranty does not cover fading, colorfastness, stains, spills or exposure to chemicals, odors, heat or light. In certain cases, we may provide you repair or adjustment instructions and/or replacement parts, and ask you to perform a repair or adjustment or replace a defective part.

Our warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. Please note that our limited warranty period begins when we ship the device to you. The limited warranty period and our obligations under the warranty end once you transfer the device to someone else or at the end of the applicable limited warranty period identified below, whichever is earlier.

Device	Warranty Period (Parts)	Anticipated Usable Device Life
Panacea® Suspension Boot, Air	6 months (excludes gel-pack)	6 months

Anticipated Usable Device Life is based on normal use with proper maintenance, cleaning and storage. You should still inspect, monitor and care for the device as described in this guide, as the device may need to be replaced sooner than anticipated in particular situations.

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## Customer Service

Our promise to you is that you will have a convenient and easy ordering experience, receive a quality Panacea Suspension Boot and enjoy outrageous customer service. If you have any questions about the Suspension Boot you have purchased or would like to request warranty service, please contact: **Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings** at 1-800-634-7328, 6767 N. Industrial Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223, SalesSupport@DirectSupply.com.



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