



Model #DS-LW18DDA-SF

**⚠ WARNING:** Weight capacity for 16" and 18" wide chairs is 300 lbs.; weight capacity for 20" wide chairs is 350 lbs.

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Product	Warranty Period (Parts)	Anticipated Usable Device Life
Panacea® Lightweight Wheelchair	Limited Lifetime	5 years
Nondurable Components	60 days	60 days

The anticipated usable device life for this device is 5 years. 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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# Panacea® LIGHTWEIGHT WHEELCHAIR

## Owner's Manual

*Please keep and refer to this Owner's Manual.*

Thank you for purchasing a Panacea® Lightweight Wheelchair from Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings®, distributed by Direct Supply Manufacturing, Inc. Please read this entire guide carefully and keep it for future reference. This guide will provide you with instructions, warnings, warranty information and other important information about your Panacea Lightweight Wheelchair. Share this information with your housekeeping, nursing and maintenance staff to help ensure this wheelchair is cared for properly.

## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing this Panacea Lightweight Wheelchair from Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings, a division of Direct Supply, Inc. In this Owner's Manual, you'll find important information you should read before assembling and using this device. Please keep this manual available for future reference. Should you have any questions, please contact your Direct Supply account manager or Direct Supply Manufacturing, Inc.

## Definitions and Symbols

The Panacea Lightweight Wheelchair is distributed by Direct Supply Manufacturing, Inc. ("We," "Us" or "Our"). "You" are the facility, community or other entity that has purchased the product.

**▲ WARNING:** Calls your attention to a potential danger that requires correct procedures or practices in order to prevent personal injury or death.

**▲ CAUTION:** Correct operating or maintenance procedures must be followed in order to prevent damage to or destruction of the product or other property.

## Warnings and Cautions

Read carefully all directions and warnings before using this device. Do not operate this device without first reading and understanding the contents of this manual. Death or injury may result from the improper use of this device or failure to follow all directions and warnings. This device is intended for use by or under the supervision of trained and licensed healthcare providers in normal, indoor conditions.

**▲ WARNING:** This wheelchair has not been approved as a seat that can be used within vehicles of any kind. Always transfer wheelchair user to a vehicle manufacturer-approved seat and use available safety restraints.

**▲ WARNING:** Do not operate this wheelchair on roadways, streets or any surfaces with vehicular traffic.

**▲ WARNING:** Do not attempt to operate on inclines 10 degrees or greater without proper assistance.

**▲ WARNING:** Be sure to completely engage wheel locks when getting in and out of wheelchair or when in elevator or wheelchair lift.

**▲ WARNING:** Wheelchair locks should be used only when the wheelchair is at a complete stop. The locks are not intended to be used when the wheelchair is moving. Do not use locks as brakes to slow down.

**▲ WARNING:** Wheelchair should be on a smooth, stable and level area with wheel locks engaged before transferring user into or out of wheelchair.

**▲ WARNING:** Do not adjust footrests any lower than 2½" from floor.

**▲ WARNING:** When getting in or out of wheelchair, do not stand on or apply weight to footrests.

**▲ WARNING:** Before reaching or leaning forward, rotate casters to front of wheelchair and engage wheel locks to help prevent wheelchair from tipping over.

**▲ WARNING:** Do not lean out of the chair or apply weight to the top of wheelchair back. This can cause wheelchair to tip over. When trying to extend arms over back, only allow residents to reach as far as their arm can extend without having to alter their seating position.

**▲ WARNING:** Do not stand on wheelchair.

**▲ WARNING:** Abruptly stopping or changing directions while going up or down an incline could cause instability or possible tipping over.

**▲ WARNING:** A skilled caregiver should assess the appropriateness of removing footrests or legrests on a case-by-case basis.

**▲ WARNING:** Always provide assistance to residents transferring into and out of this device.

**▲ WARNING:** Do not make any modifications to this device or use non-Panacea parts. Doing so may void the warranty and pose a risk to the resident.

**▲ CAUTION:** State and local codes and regulations may prohibit the removal of footrests. Check with your local authorities to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.

**▲ WARNING:** This device may not be suitable for all individuals. A skilled caregiver should always assess the appropriateness of this device for a resident on a case-by-case basis.

## Directions for Use

**Wheel locks:** Engage both wheel locks before getting into or out of chair, leaning forward in chair, or while in an elevator or wheelchair lift. Proper adjustment of wheel lock is at least ½" when locked. Locks are engaged by pushing handle completely forward. Adjustments to locks are made by loosening or tightening the nut on the carriage bolt. Embed lock to show at least ½" by sliding clamp toward rear wheel while handle is in locked position. Test for correct locking action and the resident's ability to engage wheel locks before each use.

**Tires:** The solid rubber tires on your Panacea wheelchair need minimal maintenance but should be cleaned occasionally with a damp cloth. Replace if tires become severely worn or if cracking appears.

**Front casters:** Casters should be checked periodically and lubricated occasionally. Lubricate by removing fork and greasing caster stem bearings. Lubricate wheel bearings by removing wheel from fork. Reassemble fork and wheel by tightening nuts until no play remains, but wheels roll freely. If nut is too loose, caster will shimmy. If nut is too tight, the chair will be difficult to steer.

**Removal of swingaway footrests/legrests:** Release lock by pushing on the front rigging lever. Swing footrest/legrest out and sideways. Lift to remove.

**Adjusting length of footrest/legrest:** When adjusting length of footrests or legrests, user should be sitting in wheelchair with feet on the footplates. Loosen bolt on the clamp around support assembly. Raise or lower footplate to desired position, taking into account the support of thighs. Front rigging should not be so low that it causes uncomfortable pressure to thighs at front of seat upholstery. Footrest should not be lower than 2½" from the ground to ensure clearance.

**Adjusting/elevating legrest:** Lift footplate on legrest assembly to desired position. Release legrest assembly and it will automatically lock into place. To lower, push out on legrest lever and lower footplate to desired position.

**Wheels:** Large rear wheels should be inspected at least once a month to ensure proper tightness. If wheel wobbles or is loose, release lock nut and tighten axle bolt slightly. Test for proper tightness by leaning chair to one side and spinning adjusted wheel.

**General care:** Wipe chrome parts with a clean, soft cloth at least once a week. All metal parts can be cleaned with auto wax or similar devices. If exposed to moisture, dry immediately. Do not use an abrasive cleanser that will scratch the finish.

**To open chair:** Open wheelchair by tilting to one side and pushing down on seat rail until fully opened.

**To close/fold chair:** First, fold footplates to vertical position. Grab seat with both hands at front and back edge and lift, or tilt chair to one side and lift up on seat rail.

**To remove arms:** Remove arms by depressing spring button and lifting arms out of front and rear sockets.

**To adjust seat depth:** Unfasten Velcro® on the bottom front seat section. Using Allen wrench provided with the chair, completely remove two screws from the front of the seat frame. Move telescoping seat frame supports to the desired seat depth. Reinstall screws. Fasten Velcro to complete seat adjustment process.

## Seat Extension Instructions

Your Panacea wheelchair comes with an adjustable depth seat that has been factory set at the shortest position. Follow the instructions below to extend the seat depth of your chair.

1. Lay wheelchair on its back. Open seat two-thirds of the way so seat posts do not rest on chair frame. Unfold seat extension by pulling upward on end of seat to release Velcro (Fig. 1).
2. Pull outward on Velcro strips to free them from underside of seat (Fig. 2).
3. The seat extension post is located inside the seat frame. To access it, turn screw counter-clockwise and remove it (Fig. 3).
4. Pull upward on seat extension post until the second hole on the seat post lines up with the hole on seat frame. Reinsert screw into bottom hole and turn clockwise to secure in place (Fig. 4).
5. Fold Velcro closure strap over extended seat post to secure seat upholstery to the frame (Fig. 5).
6. Repeat process for opposite side (Fig. 5).
7. Return chair to upright position and push down on seat to secure it to the frame (Fig. 6).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

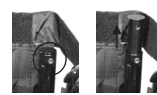


Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6