



Direct Supply® Panacea® Lap Cushion

Owner's Manual

Thank you for purchasing a Direct Supply® Panacea® Lap Cushion. 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 Lap Cushion. Share this information with your housekeeping, nursing and maintenance staff to help ensure the Lap Cushion system is cared for properly.

Please keep and refer to this Owner's Manual.

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Introduction

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Introduction

Panacea Lap Cushions are intended to be used as part of a comprehensive care plan for your residents. The cushions assist the resident in sitting in a wheelchair and provide comfort by helping to support the resident and reminding the resident to not ambulate without assistance. These cushions are designed only for indoor use within close proximity to caregivers as a part of, but not a replacement for, your comprehensive care plan. This product **SHOULD NEVER** be used as a restraint of any kind.

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Definitions and Symbols & Important Safeguards

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NOTE: Indicates a tip.

CAUTION: Indicates correct operating or maintenance procedures in order to prevent damage to or destruction of the equipment or other property

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

 **⚠:** Attention. Read the instructions.

DEVICE: Your Panacea Lap Cushion.

YOU and YOUR: The facility, community or other entity that has purchased the device.

WE, US, and OUR: Direct Supply® Manufacturing™, Inc.

Important Safeguards


Read and follow all directions and warnings before using this product.


 **⚠ WARNINGS** – General:

1. Failure to comply with all directions and warning may result in injury or death; use only as directed.
2. This product is not suitable for all individuals. Other devices may be required.
3. Inspect the product for damage before each use and do not use it if it appears to be damaged or not functioning properly.
4. Never alter the product in any way.
5. This product is designed for indoor use only within close proximity to skilled caregivers.


 **⚠ Warning** – This cushion is designed for use in compatible wheelchairs only, as an arm and elbow rest for support of a resident's anterior posture and as a limited, soft work or eating area. Other equipment may be required. This may include, but is not limited to:


1. Resident monitoring devices for elopement prevention.
2. Other devices as specified by the caregiver.

 **⚠ Warning** – This cushion is NEVER to be used as a restraint. This product is NOT intended to prevent a resident or patient from falling or sliding out of a wheelchair.

 **⚠ Warning** – Do not use the product if the resident has difficulty breathing or is able to slide forward or underneath the product. Prior to each use:

- Ensure that the lap cushion is appropriate for the wheelchair's width. Never use a lap cushion on a wheelchair that is too wide or narrow for the cushion.
- Ensure that the resident is not being pinched or restrained by the lap cushion.

 **⚠ Warning** – Do not use this product with residents who are aggressive, combative, suicidal or who have severe emotional, psychological or physical problems.

 **⚠ Warning** – Do not use the product for long periods at a time, with obese residents or with those who are unable to sit upright on their own.

Product Description & Directions for Use

Product Description

Panacea Lap Cushion

The soft top cushion fits snugly between the resident and the wheelchair frame to facilitate upper body positioning. The lap cushion provides a comfortable elbow rest and soft work or eating area. The lap cushion also reminds the resident to ask for assistance before attempting to ambulate.

Specifications

COVER:	Antimicrobial Breathable Fluid Resistant Low-Shear Tear Resistant
FIRE RATINGS:	CA 133
FOAM CORE:	High-density polyurethane foam
SIZES:	

Product	Thickness (inches)	Chair Width (inches)
Full Arm	3"	16"-18", 20"-22", 24"
Half Arm	3"	16"-18", 20"-22", 24"

Directions For Use

1. Lock wheelchair brakes and rotate footrests outward, to the side of the wheelchair
2. Assist resident into the wheelchair and set him/her as far back on the seat as possible
3. Position the footrests to a comfortable position for the resident to place their feet on them
4. Slide Lap Cushion under the armrest support bars providing sturdy support.
Note: The cutout area for the abdomen should be towards the resident providing comfortable space for the resident.
5. Make sure the resident can remove the Lap Cushion themselves

⚠ NOTE: Do not remove product tag, cleaning instruction tag or law tag from the lap cushion. Removal of tags will void the warranty.

⚠ WARNING: This device will not prevent falls. This device will not replace good care-giving practices including, but not limited to:

- Direct resident supervision
- Adequate care plans and training for staff personnel regarding resident diet, hydration, cleanliness, range of motion, entrapment, fall prevention, and repositioning
- Inspection and testing before use

Cleaning, Maintenance & Storage

Cleaning

We recommend using the following properly-diluted cleaning chemicals on your Lap Cushion:

- Lysol® IC Quaternary Cleaner Disinfectant
- Clean Quick Broad Range Sanitizer
- Q-128 Quaternary Disinfectant

Other disinfectants may cause staining or damage to the device and void the warranty. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures when using these chemicals. (The trademarks and service marks used in this section are the property of their respective owners.)

Maintenance

Inspect the product for damage before each use and do not use it if it appears to be damaged or not functioning properly.

Check to ensure that the resident can remove the device and that the resident is not being restrained by the lap cushion.

Storage

When the product is going to be stored:

1. Store the product flat. Never store folded, rolled, or bent.
2. Store in a cool dry place. Store in areas that have temperature or humidity control
3. Do not store near heaters or other devices that could physically damage the product.
4. Do not place objects on the device during storage.

Limited Warranty

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We offer to you, as the original purchaser, a warranty for the cover and foam of your Direct Supply® Panacea® Lap Cushion. 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 product. In addition, our warranty does not cover fading, characteristics or natural variations in fabric, texture, 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.

Product/Part	Foam Components (Parts)	Cover (Parts)	Anticipated Useable Device Life
Lap Cushion (full arm)	1 year	1 year	1 year
Lap Cushion (half arm)	1 year	1 year	1 year

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

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Our promise to you is that you will have a convenient and easy ordering experience, receive a quality lap cushion and enjoy outrageous customer service. If you have any questions about the lap cushion you have purchased or would like to request warranty service, please contact: Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings®, 1-800-634-7328, 6767 N Industrial Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223, or email deardirect@directsupply.net



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