

# Vantage Glidesheet Range of Slidesheets

## User Guide and Operating Instructions

**NOTE** It is the responsibility of the Slidesheet owner to ensure that these user instructions are provided with the issue of each new Vantage Glidesheet.

These User Guide & Operating Instructions cover both the Variglide tubular sheets and the Flatsheet range of slidesheets.

Before being used, or issued for use, the slidesheet must be visually checked for any physical damage and/or undue wear.

- a) The slidesheet must not exhibit any splits, tears or contain any surface defects that are likely to be detrimental to the slidesheet use or patient safety.
- b) The surfaces of the slidesheet should exhibit a good level of slip so that in use friction does not cause undue strain on the carers.
- c) In the case of slidesheets with handles, the handles must be inspected to ensure they do not appear to be loose from the slidesheet material and that the stitching is intact.

**Any slidesheet which is damaged should be immediately withdrawn from service and replaced with a new one.**

### Instructions for use:

Use of the slidesheets, in an assisted move by a carer, should only be undertaken by a carer that has undergone appropriate manual handling training, such as that provided by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), or equivalent, and that their recognised transfer methods are adhered to.

Prior to undertaking any use of the slidesheet, a thorough risk assessment must be carried out, including site conditions, and only if the assessment is acceptable should the slidesheet(s) be used in assisted patient moving and handling.

Ensure that the correct sheet(s) is being used for the direction in which the patient is to be moved. Using the relevant chosen manual handling method, place the sheet(s) under the patient and then move the patient in accordance with the adopted moving and handling procedures.

Where handles are attached to the sheets, as in the case of Flatsheets with Handles, DO NOT put your hand all the way through the handle, simply take hold of the webbing QGrip handle using a tight grip.

The QGlide Vantage range of slidesheets is NOT designed for lifting. DO NOT lift a patient using these slidesheets.

### Instructions for cleaning

If the Vantage slidesheet is not new and has already been in use, please ensure it has been cleaned, using one of the recommended methods to reduce the risk of cross infection.

The Vantage range of slidesheets is designed to be able to be laundered as follows.



Do not use fabric conditioner

### Flammability

The Vantage range of slidesheets is manufactured from a nylon based material that can burn. The slidesheets therefore MUST NOT be stored and/or used where they will be in proximity to a source of combustion.

### Storage & Disposal of the product after use

The Vantage Glidesheets should be stored in clean conditions, free from contamination. If the product becomes soiled prior to use it must be laundered as appropriate.

At the end of the product life please dispose of the product safely using a licensed waste disposal contractor.

To order new Vantage slidesheets please contact Quintal Healthcare Ltd at the address below.

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