

Basic Lessons for Understanding Equipment

Commodes

Patient: M|SITE.SHIP_TO_NAME

Patient ID: M|CUSTOMER.PATIENT_ID

Model #: Select

Serial #:

Date: M|C|CURRENTDATE

Setting Up Your Equipment

- Make sure commode is adjusted to proper height for user.

Using Your Equipment

- Seat must be down before using commode; do not sit on pail holder. (Diagram below)
- If using a mobile commode, be sure wheels are locked before using.(Diagram below)
- If commode has drop-arms, ensure they are locked in the upright position before using. (Diagram below)
- If using elevated commode seat on toilet bowl, make sure the seat is properly attached to prevent loss of balance and/or tipping.



Pail Holder



Wheels with
Locks



Drop Arm
Commode

Maintenance

- Make sure all screws; nuts and bolts are tight at all times.
- Inspect rubber tips on the legs to ensure they are not worn or torn.
- For hygiene sake, empty pail and clean it after each use.
- Make sure wheels and locks are working properly.

Safety Issues

- Do not sit on commode for extended periods of time.
- Commode seats are not intended to serve as wheelchairs.
- Make sure the user can support themselves while using the commode. If user is unsteady or weak, a caregiver should provide support during the toileting process.

Frequently Replaced Items

- Tips on leg extensions

**** Please contact your equipment provider for any questions, adjustments, or repairs. ****

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