



AirPal[®] SPS (Single-Patient-Stay) Disposable TransferPads[™]

TRANSFERPAD DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

Unlike other disposables, the AirPal SPS (Single-Patient-Stay) Disposable TransferPad is not a “single use” device. Rather, it is a “single patient” device that has been designed to be used for multiple lateral patient transfers during an average patient stay in an acute care setting. This “reusability” feature provides for maximum cost-effectiveness when using disposable lateral patient transfer pads, and AirPal believes that this is a major reason why a healthcare facility would want to choose the SPS TransferPad over competitive disposable products.

The Airpal SPS is the most rugged and cleanable TransferPad on the market. As such, the question sometimes arises as to when the SPS should be disposed of. Since each patient application is quite different, we would suggest that the proper answer is that it really depends on the situation. Rather than arbitrarily limit the useful service life and cost-effectiveness of an SPS TransferPad, AirPal prefers to let each healthcare facility make the TransferPad disposal determination in concert with their standard safe patient handling practice. However, the following are several guidelines that we would suggest each facility use in making this determination:

1. The AirPal SPS has been designed as a “single patient” device. The SPS should be disposed of when the patient to whom the SPS has been assigned has been discharged.
2. The SPS is very cleanable (under certain conditions even launderable). However, when stains can no longer be removed from the SPS patient surface, Airpal suggests that it be disposed of.
3. AirPal suggests that the SPS be disposed of when there are clear signs of wear in the SPS TransferPad surfaces and/or straps.

