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Silvalea In-Situ Range 'Leave-in' Sling Statement

Silvalea has successfully manufactured slings suitable to be left in place for extended periods, for over 25 years.

It is not a simple decision, and each situation will be different. Careful consideration should be applied by all healthcare professionals involved, and a full care plan must be established, based on all the risks and benefits of leaving a sling in place.

The Silvalea 'In-Situ' range of slings are manufactured in specific fabrics and are carefully tailored, to reduce any potential pressure issues. Various designs are available, with the Recline/Hammock design being the most popular. With several divided leg sling options available to allow for a hygiene transfer and for when a full recline sling style does not offer sufficient support.

If the sling is left in place, monitoring is essential. Regular inspections must be carried out to check for pressure points, along with turning schedules and repositioning intervals undertaken, particularly for 'at risk' patients. A sling is not a pressure relieving product and it is important that any part of the sling, that could create a pressure point i.e., leg sections or clips etc – must not be left under the patient. Therefore, the decision to leave a sling in place for extended periods must be made on a balanced judgment and best practice for the individual patient. If in doubt always remove the product.

Regards,



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