



PATIENT POSITIONING WEDGES

Hospital-acquired pressure injury prevention

Although most hospital-acquired pressure injuries (HAPIs) are reasonably preventable,¹⁻⁴ approximately 2.5 million individuals in the United States develop a pressure injury in acute care facilities every year.⁵ These pressure injuries can result in extensive harm, including chronic wounds, and as many as 60,000 deaths annually.⁶

HAPI care represents a substantial financial burden on health care systems. Previous estimates of the national cost of treating HAPIs ranged from \$3.3 billion⁷ to \$11 billion⁸ annually. In comparison, recent claims by Medicare beneficiaries showed that chronic pressure injury care accounted for about \$22 billion.⁹

As the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reduced reimbursement related to hospital-acquired conditions including HAPIs, hospitals have faced the full financial burden of these harms;^{8,10} a single HAPI episode could cost hospitals anywhere from \$500 to more than \$70 000.¹¹

Incorporating turn and position wedges within your patient mobility program could potentially result in a reduction in pressure injuries. The use of mobility tools and patient positioning wedges can reduce friction and shearing on a patient's skin and can reduce moisture and pressure build up against a patient's body.



Articulation helps provide pressure reduction and off-loading that help promote good skin integrity and may help provide blood flow and nutrients into the wound bed

The 30° Conforming Comfort® articulated wedges aid in the prevention and treatment of pressure injuries by offloading the sacrum, while helping to provide proper body alignment. This design helps maintain a natural side lying position while providing improved comfort and support over the traditional flat sided wedges resulting in higher patient compliance. The articulated wedge design minimizes patient downward migration hence reducing the need for boosting.

Available in bariatric and standard sizes and as a single patient use or reusable design.

- Single patient use wedges come with a non-woven cover that can be hand washed up to 3 times
- Reusable wedge cover can be cleaned per facility's disinfection instructions
- Reusable cover has a non-skid fabric to help keep patient and wedge position according to facility's protocol
- Bariatric wedges are a dual density product with the bottom layer designed to support up to 500 lbs and comes standard with a memory foam top layer to address comfort and skin integrity

Item Number	Product Description
LUS-WEDGEXL-SPU	Disposable, single patient use, Conforming Comfort® wedge with cover. Bariatric use, SWL 500 lbs, 18"x15"x8" 12 ea/cs
LUS-WEDGEXL-STD	Wipeable Conforming Comfort® wedge. Bariatric use, SWL 500 lbs, 18"x15"x8" 6 ea/cs
LUS-WEDGE-SPU	Disposable, single patient use, Conforming Comfort® articulated wedge. SWL 250 lbs, 18"x10.5"x7" 24 ea/cs
LUS-WEDGE-STD	Wipeable Conforming Comfort® articulated wedge. SWL 250 lbs, 18"x10.5"x7" 12 ea/cs
LUS-1171000-36	Disposable, non-woven cover, standard size, 36 ea
LUS-1171050-36	Disposable, non-woven cover, bariatric size, 36 ea

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At Arjo, we believe that empowering movement within healthcare environments is essential to quality care. Our products and solutions are designed to promote a safe and dignified experience through patient handling, medical beds, personal hygiene, disinfection, diagnostics, and the prevention of pressure injuries and venous thromboembolism. With over 6500 people worldwide and 65 years caring for patients and healthcare professionals, we are committed to driving healthier outcomes for people facing mobility challenges.

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