APPLICATION INSTRUCTION SHEET
POSEY® WAIST AND CHEST VEST

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:
A Poncho type Vest made of a breezelime mesh material. For bed or chair application.

WARNING
Straps must always be snug, but not interfere with breathing. You should be able to slide your open hand (flat) between the device and the patient. Make sure straps do not slide in any direction, changing position of device.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Put the vest on over the head with the poncho bib in the front and the long straps at the patient’s back.

2. Bring the straps on each side from the back up toward the front and through the slots.

3. Cross the straps in front of the patient and bring the strap without the slot through the strap with the vertical slot.

4. Secure the straps as described below, but make sure they are not too tight to be uncomfortable, or too loose, which will allow the patient to partially slide out.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: BED
With the Posey Waist and Chest Vest in place (straps criss-crossed in front), secure the straps to the movable part of the bed frame at waist level. Tie a Quick-Release knot out of the patient’s reach (see reverse side of these instructions for quick-release knot directions).

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: CHAIR
With the Posey Waist and Chest Vest in place (straps crisscrossed in front), position the patient’s hips against the back of the chair. Secure the straps underneath the chair, pull snug around the back post, and cross and twist, out of the patient’s reach. The straps should be at a 45 degree angle over the hips to hold hips back against backrest.

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ADDITIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

INDICATIONS:
- Patients who are assessed to be at risk of a fall which could result in injury.
- Patients who require a positioning product to assist medical treatment.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:
Contraindications include, but are not limited to the following conditions:
- Aggressive, combative, agitated, or suicidal patients.
- Patients with ostomy, colostomy, G-Tubes, Hernias, severe Cardio Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), those with post-surgery incisions that might be compromised by the pressure from a restrictive product, or those with monitoring equipment, tubes or lines that might be compromised by rubbing against a restraint.
- Discontinue use immediately if the patient is able to slide forward or down underneath the device. They could slide far enough under the device to become suspended, resulting in chest compression and suffocation. Posey products with a pelvic piece are designed to help prevent sliding. Products without a pelvic piece between the legs will not hinder sliding as effectively. See your Posey catalog for other more suitable products to help prevent sliding.

ADVERSE REACTIONS:
Severe emotional, psychological, and physical problems may occur if a patient’s movement is severely limited. The patient may become agitated from going under, around, through or between the siderails.

After applying a restrictive product, always monitor to make sure the patient is not able to slide down, or fall off the chair seat or mattress. Make sure straps are secured at a juncture of the frame and will not slide in any direction, changing position of device. If their body weight becomes suspended off the chair or the mattress, chest compression and suffocation could result. Restraints with pelvic pieces may be necessary to reduce sliding down or pulling the restraint off over their head.

Laundering Instructions:
This product was designed to be washed under CDC recommendations for linen soiled with blood or bodily fluids:

Lower temperature washing and drying cycle for non-contaminated linen will prolong product life.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

A patient in a supine position who cannot sit up requires extra vigilance. Should the patient vomit, he/she could aspirate his/her vomitus and suffocate. Monitor constantly and be prepared to intervene at the first sign of danger.

Applicable Products:
		REF 3140, Breezelime Mesh
		S-XL

Size		Strap Length
S, M, L		Long - 65", Short - 56"
XL		Long - 76", Short - 66"
Safety Information for the Use of Posey Torso and Limb Restraining Products

**WARNING:** Monitor patients appropriately per your facility’s policy!

Inappropriate and/or incorrect usage of any restrictive product may result in serious injury or death. The Posey Company recommends the following steps before any restrictive product is used:

- Identify the patient’s symptoms.
- Determine and remove, if possible, the cause of the symptoms. This may include catering to individual needs and customary routines, increased rehabilitation and restorative nursing, modifying the environment and increased supervision.
- If the cause cannot be determined and removed, attempt alternative treatments under proper medical supervision.
- A restraint should be used only when practicable alternatives have failed. The least restrictive device that will protect the patient and others should be selected and used for the shortest time while less restrictive alternatives are sought. It is critical that the appropriate restraint is selected and sized properly (See sizing table).
- Follow the directions on the Application Sheet accompanying each product.

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#1 Posey restraints are labeled: Caution: Federal law (U.S.A) restricts this device to sale by or on order of a physician. All staff should receive proper in-service training so products are applied in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, state and federal regulations and the facility’s policies and procedures. Posters, Videos and Inservice materials are available free from the Posey Company.

#2 Restrictive products should only be used within the carefully defined and documented parameters of the patient’s Individualized Care Plan (ICP), which addresses (but is not limited to) restorative nursing, patient release, and pressure sore prevention. The ICP is created after an assessment by an interdisciplinary team which may represent (but is not limited to) PT, OT, Nursing, the Physician and Social Services.

#3 NEVER use a Posey product as a seat belt in a moving vehicle. Posey products are not designed to withstand the force of a crash.

#4 DO NOT expose any Posey Product to open fire, flame, or contact with smoking materials.

Components such as fabric, webbing, thread, etc. are susceptible to ignition and burning. The facility’s smoking/no smoking policy should be vigorously enforced. Flame retardant fabric is available on request.

#5 Never cross the straps of a Posey Vest/Jacket in back of the patient unless there is a positioning slot in the rear of the product. Any restraint applied incorrectly and/or worn backwards may cause strangulation or injury.

#6 Secure straps of restrictive products out of the patient’s reach at a juncture of the movable part of the bed frame at waist level so the device will not tighten or loosen when any section of the bed is raised or lowered. Make sure the strap will not slide in any direction, changing position of the device.

#7 After applying a restraint or self-release product; always put all side rails in the UP position. Side rail covers and gap protectors, especially with split side rails, may be required to keep the patient on top of the mattress, and avoid entrapment zones. Use HBWS compliant side rails.

If the patient’s body weight becomes suspended off the mattress by going under, around, over, through or between the side rails, chest compression and suffocation could result. Restraints with pelvic pieces may be necessary to reduce sliding down or pulling the restraint over their head.

#8 Hips should be held securely against the back of the chair whenever any type of restrictive product is used. The straps should be at 45 degrees over the hips and secured under the seat out of the patient’s reach. Make sure straps are secured at a juncture of the frame and will not slide in any direction, changing position of the device. Use extreme caution with all fasteners. If dislodged, patient injury could occur (see #9).

#9 Monitor to make sure the patient is not able to slide down or fall off the chair seat. If their body weight becomes suspended off the chair seat, chest compression and suffocation could result. Restraints with pelvic pieces may be necessary to reduce sliding down or pulling the restraint over their head.

#10 Straps must always be snug, but not interfere with breathing. You should be able to slide your open hand flat between the device and the patient. Make sure straps do not slide in any direction, changing position of device.

#11 Always use quick-releasing ties that do not slip or loosen (see drawings), or buckles to secure straps—they allow easy release in the event of accident or fire. Test to make sure knots do not slip or loosen. If knots slip or loosen, patient may slide off chair or bed, possibly resulting in patient injury or suffocation. Restraint release should be an integral part of the facility’s fire/disaster evacuation drills. Straps can be cut with scissors in an emergency.

#12 Patients in restrictive products require appropriate monitoring per your facility’s policy. Aggressive, agitated, restless patients and/or those in danger of aspirating their vomit require constant monitoring and a review for appropriateness of both physical and psychological status.

#13 Inspect before use for broken stitches or parts, torn, cut or frayed straps or fabric or hook and loop fastener or locks that do not hold securely. These products could fail, resulting in injury or death. Discard and discard them. Straps must be long enough to secure out of the patient’s reach. DO NOT alter products.

#14 Do not use Posey products on toilets, or on any type of furniture which does not allow application as directed in the product application sheet. Posey limb and torso restraints should NOT be used at home.

Just as patient behavior is not 100% predictable, no product is 100% foolproof under all circumstances. Patient safety requires regular reassessment and appropriate monitoring per your facility’s policy. A product that worked successfully in the past may prove inappropriate as the patient’s mental and physical health status changes. Never apply any product you feel is unsafe and consult with the proper medical authority if you feel a product is inappropriate for the patient.

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**How to Tie the Posey Quick Release Tie**

1. Wrap the attachment strap once around the movable part of the bed frame leaving at least an 8" tail. Fold the loose end in half to create a loop and cross it over the other end. Make sure straps are secured at a juncture of the frame and will not slide in any direction, changing position of device.

2. Insert the folded strap where the straps cross over each other, as if tying a shoe or making a tourniquet knot. Pull on the loop to tighten.

3. Fold the loose end in half to create a second loop.

4. Insert the second loop into the first loop.

5. Pull on the loop to tighten.

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**Sizing Table for Posey Products**

Always use the proper size product. Products that are too small or large compromise patient comfort and safety and should not be used.

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Posey Belts are not color-coded, but are sized according to this table. Flame retardant fabric is available on request. Weight and size measurements give a general indication of the proper size. Individual physical characteristics should be taken into account before the medical authority determines the correct size. Refer to label on product for specific sizing indications.

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