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Sizing Guide for Select Health Care Hoist Slings

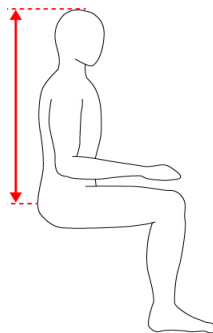
The following information is intended as guide only and is an approximation.

Other factors such as physical disabilities, weight distribution and the patient's shape should also be part of the assessment.

All patient moving and handling tasks should be carried out in accordance with approved patient handling techniques and after a full assessment of the patient, the task and the environment in which the operation is to take place.

Sizing Guide - Use a soft tape measure to record these two measurements:

1. Top of head to sacrum.
2. Distance across the shoulders.



Apply the two recorded measurements to the sizes and measurements shown below.

	Sling Size			
	Extra Small	Small	Medium	Large
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Weight Range *	16-45 kg	34-68 kg	57-91 kg	80 – 136 kg
Measurement:				
Top of head to sacrum	68 – 87cm	74 – 92cm	80 – 104cm	91 – 116cm
Shoulder width	31 – 39cm	34 – 43cm	40 – 51cm	47 – 60 cm

*Weights shown here are for sizing purposes and are not the safe working load (SWL) of the sling which is the same for all listed sizes depending upon whether a washable or disposable sling has been selected.

SWL of our washable slings = 203 kg

SWL of our disposable slings = 230kg

As part of the assessment we would recommend that once a sling size and type has been selected, to then try it with the patient using at least one extra member of staff to monitor and assist, raising the patient no more than an inch or two to ascertain safety, comfort and suitability.

For amputees; with regard to the weight range of a given sling the weight of the patient would need to be extrapolated according to the nature of the amputation.