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ButterflyCushion™ Instructions

The ButterflyCushion™ is designed to meet your positioning needs in a way that no other product can. The adjustability afforded by the air system insures proper positioning and client comfort while the client is on it and without repeated attempts at finding the right height for support. The two chamber design, with asymmetrical support regions, offers a wide range of positioning options. The larger chamber can be inflated to a higher level than the smaller section if needed. The smaller, more curved chamber, is designed to allow diaphragmatic breathing in prone positions and more lateral support relative to the center of the pad. The deep cuts on the sides of the pads create a perfect surface for support of the occiput for a gentle cervical stretch. The cushion can be placed inside a pillow case when in use to keep it clean. Please experiment with it and find new ways to enhance your client comfort and the effectiveness of your work. To achieve maximum comfort in many positions it is helpful to have two Butterflycushions™ supporting different parts of the body.

To Inflate:

It works in the same way as a blood pressure cuff. Make sure the valves are closed by turning them clockwise until they stop. Compress the bulb and release repeatedly. Do not cover the intake valve at the end of the bulb. (See photo at right)

To Deflate:

Turn the valves counter-clockwise and the air will slowly escape from the chambers, allowing you to drop the height of either chamber to the best height. Just retighten the valve by turning clockwise when the desired inflation level is reached.

For some clients, it is best to allow them to find the perfect fit. Show them how to use the bulbs and valves first, before they lie down. They can easily feel the effect of adding or subtracting air from the two chambers. Also note that when you first start inflating the cushion, no change may be noticed. The cushion needs some air in it before it starts to offer support.

CAUTION:
DO NOT over-inflate.

Support Options

Breast Comfort

The ButterflyCushion™ is designed to relieve the pressure on breasts by gently lifting the client off the table. The cushion should be positioned as shown (Fig. 1), completely deflated at first. Slowly inflate the larger section and then the smaller, doing a little at a time until the client is comfortable. (Fig. 2) It doesn’t take much to get results. Sometimes allowing the client to adjust the pad is best.
Pelvic Support:

If you fold the ButterflyCushion™ in half (Fig. 3) you can locate it under the pelvis (Fig 4) to offer support. Start with the cushion almost completely deflated and slowly pump it up until your client is comfortable.

Lumbar Support:

Lay the ButterflyCushion™ flat under the client’s back, with the larger section in the lumbar area and the smaller section mid-back. (Fig. 5) As always, start with the cushion almost completely empty. Inflate the lumbar section first and inflate the other section to create more support for the middle back as the lumbar area rises. Small amounts of inflation can offer greater comfort for clients (Fig. 6), higher inflation levels can create a stretch in the lumbar area.

Cervical Support:

The ButterflyCushion™ allows you to create just the right amount of cervical flexion for maximum comfort when folded and placed under the neck as shown. (Fig. 7)

Cervical Support:

When folded as shown (Fig 8) you can create a gentle stretch as you support the client’s head. The bladders are located on either side of the neck (Fig. 9); this creates a gentle stretch that can also be applied asymmetrically by pumping one side up more than the other.
Support Options (cont.)

Thoracic Support

The **ButterflyCushion™** can be used in the thoracic region (Fig. 10) to create a mild stretch or relieve pressure on the spine. It can also be pumped up more on one side than the other to support people with scoliosis, and access to the upper spine is improved by lifting the client off the table.

![Fig. 10](image)

Back Support:

The **ButterflyCushion™** can be turned 90° from the position shown in Fig. 10 above and moved anywhere along the spine (Fig. 11). In this way, different areas of the spine can be lifted to varying degrees. With the larger section located under the shoulders, it is possible to lift the shoulder far enough off the table to allow a greater range of motion than would be possible on a table alone (Fig. 12). The smaller chamber should be inflated also to offer support in the adjacent area.

![Fig. 11](image)  ![Fig. 12](image)

Replaceable Parts:

If any part on the **ButterflyCushion™** fails, it can easily be replaced in the field. Just identify the part (Fig. 13) and call Customer Service at 800-558-8850.

- A) Air Bulb & Tube (pn 2335)
- B) Connector (PN 2562)
- C) Bladder (PN 1871)
- D) Cover (PN 4071-03E)

![Fig. 13](image)

Cleaning & Warranty

We recommend cleaning your cushion with a mild detergent to protect it against oil stains and dirt which will cause cracking and permanent stains over time. Household products you can use include a 4:1 diluted solution of 409™ cleaner, Fantastik® or any non-abrasive with a non-alcohol content.

The **ButterflyCushion™** is warranted against defects in materials or craftsmanship for 1 year.

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