

WARNING! Entrapment and Fall Risks:

Medical experts and governmental entities in various countries have determined that the use of side rails on beds may present a life threatening entrapment danger to the patient. However, use of side rails may be clinically indicated for certain patients. The decision whether to use side rails should be based upon applicable laws and regulations, and based on a case-by-case assessment by clinicians and/or caregivers actively involved in the patient's care, based upon each patient's individual condition and needs. Such an assessment may included, but not be limited to: the patient's physique, overall condition, level of confusion or cognitive impairment (with or without medication), mobility (or lack thereof), history of falls, combativeness, attempts to get out of bed, uncontrolled body movement, and the patient's frustration when confined.

In the event a decision is made to use side rails, knowledgeable and properly trained care givers should insure that any identified risks associated with the patient becoming entrapped in the side rails are identified and steps are taken to minimize such risks.

In the event a decision is made to not use side rails, knowledgeable and properly trained care givers should insure that any identified risks associated with the patient falling out of bed are identified and steps are taken to minimize such risks.

Whether or not side rails are used with this mattress product, properly trained and knowledgeable care givers should determine whether to use pads, bolsters, alarms, high-low beds, or other positioning aids and safety devices that are available on the market to reduce the risk of entrapment or falls.

Set Up-While side rails should be used during set up, an individual assessment should be made for each patient to determine whether the patient's then current condition would be benefited by the use of side rails with this mattress product.

Proper Inflation- When using the SelectAir mattress replacement or mattress overlay, make sure the product is properly inflated, such that the patient will be immersed in the mattress. Proper inflation offers the maximum therapeutic benefit to the patient and also reduces the risk of the patient inadvertently rolling off the product. Over-inflation increases the likelihood that a patient will roll off a mattress replacement or overlay. For these reasons, it is important that the product be set up by knowledgeable care givers properly trained in the use of this product.