

LeviGait Q & A

How big of a patient can I use the LeviGait on? The LeviGait is adjustable to be used on patients from 90- 600 lbs. It adjusts out to a 100-inch waist size for unparalleled versatility in patient fitment.

How do you decontaminate the LeviGait? The LeviGait is designed to be easily and inexpensively cleaned using commonly available household bleach solutions. It can be hand or machine washed and air dried. Review our care instructions by visiting our website- www.levigait.com

How often will I use it as a sling? We have found that nearly 70 percent of the lifting situations encountered are in the sling configuration. This highlights the importance of an adjunct that will perform in both the sling and belt configurations, so it can be consistently used regardless of the situation encountered.

When should I use the harness configuration? The harness configuration in both sling and gait belt use is designed to give an extra level of patient control. We recommend taking the time to use the harness if you anticipate having to use a high level of patient support or control during the lift/ambulate process. If the patient loses strength during the move, the patient can be transitioned to being carried with the LeviGait without further adjustment or fitment needed.

Why should I ambulate the patient instead of just carrying them? The greatest percentage of caregiver injuries occur during patient carries. This is why we have the tenant “ABC- Ambulate Before Carry”. Encouraging the patient to ambulate helps eliminate much of the need for caregivers to bear weight during the movement process. This also minimizes the need to coordinate so closely between team members during a team lift/movement process. Each team member follows the lead of the patient during the process, instead of trying to time lift and movement changes with all the other caregivers involved.

What is the weight range I can use the LeviGait on? The LeviGait is rated at 600 lbs. While the design is laboratory tested to over 1250 lbs., patient movement over 600 lbs. requires careful considerations and frequently a different modality of movement.

Why do you only have a three year service life on the Levigait? While the LeviGait is designed to last much longer than three years, our liability insurance has dictated the service life at the shorter life span. Recognizing that our industry often decontaminates our equipment outside of manufacturer recommendations, (especially after a truly gross call), the service life was identified as being well within the likelihood of significant damage occurring from misuse or improper decontamination chemicals or

procedures. The LeviGait is warranted and fully liability insured for three years. Our system is robust enough to use well beyond the service life, but user assumes all liability and repairs beyond that point.

Has the Levigait ever failed? Our LeviGait system has never failed during proper use. The most common failure we have seen is breakage of the buckles from being slammed in a compartment door. We designed and introduced the carry bag to minimize the likelihood of this happening.

Why should I buy the kit? We have found that the greatest challenge to maintaining safety is encouraging consistent use of a lifting adjunct. Making the LeviGait extremely convenient to carry, use, and care for have been key to our unparalleled safety record. The bags keep the LeviGait in a clean, compact format that is easy to carry. The bag also contains a soiled LeviGait after a call until proper decontamination can be performed, reducing cross contamination of equipment and apparatus. The included Quick Reference sheets provide a great refresher for using the LeviGait during those less than convenient times. We have spared no effort in making the LeviGait the most consistently chosen and used lifting adjunct on the market. Part of that is ensuring the Levigait is the most compact, convenient, and easily used adjunct available.

What do you mean when you say “self-adjusting?” When a patient stands up from a sitting position, gravity happens and their waist and “buns” tend to get skinnier and longer. This causes slack in most lifting systems that destroys their effectiveness. When used in the gait belt with harness configuration, The LeviGait is designed to self-tighten as the patient stands up. This is unique in the industry and helps greatly in maintain the placement and functional integrity of the adjunct during the lifting/ambulation process.

How many people can be used to lift with the Levigait? The LeviGait is designed with nine handles in multiple configurations to allow 5+ caregivers to assist in the lifting/ambulating process simultaneously. Team lifting is one of the best ways to eliminate the likelihood of injuries.

How does the Levigait work on Bariatric patients? The LeviGait was originally designed as a bariatric lifting aid. Making larger patients easy to move is where it truly shines!

Will this hurt my patient shoulders? The LeviGait is designed to eliminate all stress on the shoulder girdle during the lifting/ambulating process. Reliance on the patient’s arms or shoulders is unnecessary.

Can the Levigait be used on fragile patients? The LeviGait’s design is centered around a wide patient contact area that is ideal for fragile patients. No more skin tears, fractured ribs, dislocated shoulders or any other such injuries.

What is the number one thing you can do to protect your personnel? Save their backs! Back injuries from patient lifting are the most frequent and expensive injury in EMS. Mike Phillips, a 25-year veteran

of the fire service has cracked the code to eliminating these injuries. With 20,000 plus lifts/ambulations - over nine years in 200+ agencies, The LeviGait Patient Lifting System has completely eliminated neck, back and shoulder injuries. Mike's LeviGait is the most versatile and safest lifting system in the nation. Buying a lifting adjunct is easy, getting your caregivers to use it consistently is the hardest and most critical part.