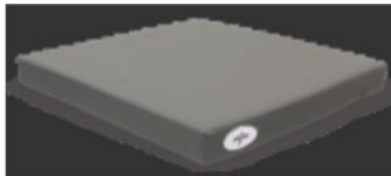
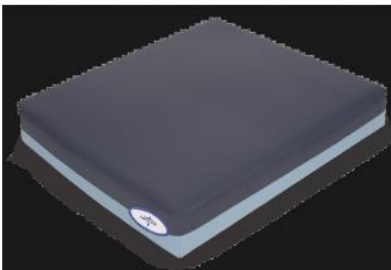


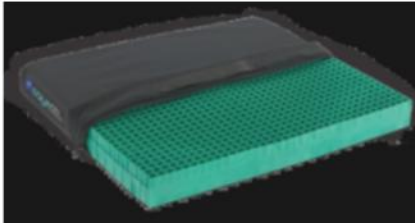
SEAT CUSHION GUIDELINES

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

1. *It is recommended that a patient sitting in a chair for a prolonged period of time should have a cushion based upon their ability to weight shift, self-mobilize, & other individual-specific factors.*
2. Cushions should be checked routinely for wear & tear & replaced as appropriate.
3. Refer to the Therapy Department for **Wheelchair Seating & Positioning Interventions** for patients who have:
 - a) Existing pressure injuries or history of pressure injuries on seating surfaces;
 - b) Clinical condition/Braden/Norton Plus indicating risk of pressure injury;
 - c) Positioning abnormalities (leaning, sliding, etc.) and/or fall risks due to positioning;
 - d) Aspiration risk due to positioning & difficulty swallowing;
 - e) Respiratory difficulty due to positioning;
 - f) Decreased ability to perform ADLs due to positioning;
 - g) Difficulty engaging with the environment & others due to positioning;
 - h) Other concerns, as appropriate.

Potential for Breakdown on Seating Surface	Key Features	Cushion/Device	Formulary Order Numbers
Low	• Comfort cushion • Does not add height • Plain foam (not memory foam) • 250-300 lbs. max. • Can reduce shear forces	Zero-Elevation Cushion from Medline 	MSCZEG1616 (16" x 16") MSCZEG1816 (18" x 16") MSCZEG1818 (18" x 18")
Low to Moderate (continued on page 2)	• Combination of gel & memory foam • Provides pressure redistribution • Non-bariatric (2"-3" height) supports up to 300 lbs. • Bariatric (4" height) supports up to 500 lbs.	Gel Foam Cushion from Medline 	MSCPRC21616 (16" x 16" x 2") MSCPRC21816 (18" x 16" x 2") MSCPRC21818 (18" x 18" x 2") MSCPRC31818 (18" x 18" x 3") MSCPRC42618 (26" x 18" x 4") (Bariatric)

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Potential for Breakdown on Seating Surface	Key Features	Cushion/Device	Formulary Order Numbers
Low to Moderate (continued from page 1)	• Appropriate prevention for patients out of bed for longer periods of time • 100% gel cushion • Pressure redistribution; also decreases shear & friction • Controls microclimate • Supports up to 300 lbs. • 1.75 " thick	Equagel Balance Cushion from Medline 	MSCEQBAL1616 (16" x 16") MSCEQBAL1816 (18" x 16") MSCEQBAL1818 (18" x 18") MSCEQBAL2016 (20" x 16") MSCEQBAL2018 (20" x 18")
	• Memory foam pressure redistribution cushion • Supports up to 325 lbs. • 3" cushion • Partial thickness pressure injury on a seating surface	Visco Foam Cushion from Medline 	MSCVC1816 (18" x 16") MSCVCB2418NS (24" x 18") (Non-skid)
Moderate to High	• Medical grade polymer pressure redistribution cushion • Reduces shear & friction • Up to a Stage IV pressure injury on a seating surface • No routine reinflation needed • Supports up to 250 lbs.	Matrix Cushion from PostureWorks 	MTX-MP-1618 (16" x 18" x 2") MTX-MP-1620 (16" x 20" x 2") MTX-MP-1818 (18" x 18" x 2") MTX-MP-1822 (18" x 22" x 2") MTX-MP-2016 (20" x 16" x 2") MTX-MP-2216 (22" x 16" x 2") MTX-MP-2218 (22" x 18" x 2") MTX-MP-2418 (24" x 18" x 2")