

Quik Vac Bean Bag Positioners

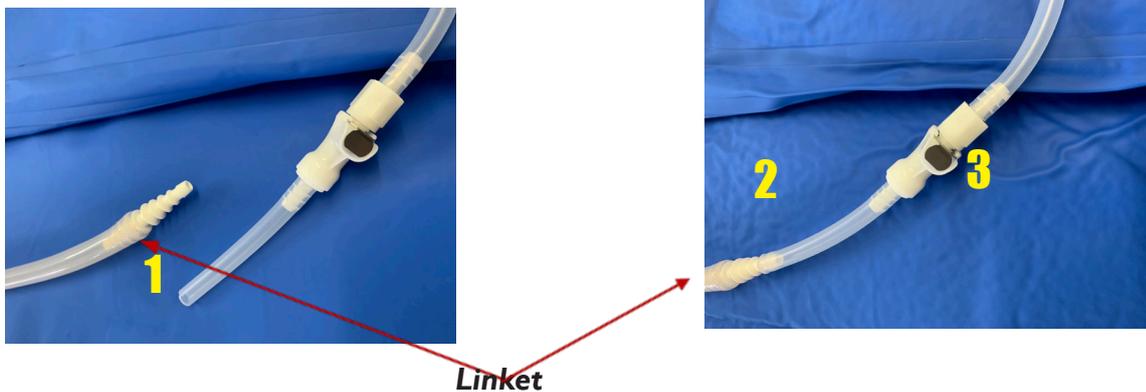
Instruction for Use

Before Use:

1. Ensure that the Quik Vac Bean bag is clean and ready for use.
2. Inspect for firmness. You should always test the Bean bag prior to use by connecting the suction. Check the firmness of the Quik Vac Bean Bag, listen for audible leaks and test that the Beanbag remains firm.
3. Soften the Bean Bag. Simply “Click/Push” the tip of the valve down. This will bring the Bean Bag backed to a relaxed soft state. If necessary, you can shake the Bean Bag gently to distribute the beads evenly.
4. Smoothing the beads. Place the soft Bean Bag on the operating table and smooth the beads to an even and uniform thickness. Be sure to taper the beads at the edges of the Bean Bag to avoid thick areas that can cause bumps under the patient.

Applying Suction:

In an operating room environment, simply connect the wall suction line to the Bean Bag – may require a linket to connect the suction tubing. Adequate suction is required to mold the Bean Bag to the patient.



To apply suction

1. To connect the suction tubing to the valve may require a linket.
 2. Apply suction until the desired firmness, position and access is achieved.
 3. Before disconnecting the suction - click the silver button to seal off the bean bag.
 4. Next, disconnect the suction line
- (Suction line can stay connected if desired, however it is not necessary)



Molding the Quik Vac Bean Bag:

1. Place the patient on the Bean Bag in its relaxed ‘soft’ state.
2. Positioning the patient on the Bean Bag.
3. Mold the soft Bean Bag (may require multiple people to achieve depending on size of Beanbag) around the patient’s body or extremities to support the patient in the desired position.
4. Simply attach the suction line and apply suction.

Checking the Patient’s Position:

Always remember to check the patient’s position and stability periodically during the procedure.

Ensure that the valve is accessible. Always place the valve in an easily accessible location under the drapes. It may be necessary to re-attach the suction line to firm-up the Bean Bag during surgery.

Check List Before Surgery

Please ensure the following steps are taken before surgery:

- Make certain that the Bean Bag has a flat bottom. Always make certain the bottom on the Bean Bag is flat when molding the positioner to the patient. This will help to prevent the bean bag from rolling.
- Verify that there is an even distribution of the beads.
- Adequately expose the patient. If more patient exposure is needed near the corner of a Bean Bag, push the beads out of that corner and fold it over before applying suction.
- Protect the Bean Bag while prepping the patient. Before prepping a patient in a Bean Bag, temporarily tuck an absorbant pad around the upper edge of the Bean Bag to prevent prepping solution from running down between the patient and the Bean Bag. After prepping, remove the pad.
- Remove wrinkles from sheets and gel pads. If a sheet or gel pad is placed between the patient and the Bean Bag, it should be stretched and smoothed to avoid wrinkles which may cause skin irritation.
- Position the valve so that it is accessible during the procedure, if possible, in the case that the Bean Bag needs to be adjusted or suction reapplied.

CAUTION

Skin irritation can occur if the prep solution is allowed to pool between the patients skin and the bean bag

Things to Check – During Surgery

During surgery, do the following:

- Continually check the stability of the Bean Bag. Ensure that the firmness of the Bean Bag and the stability of the patient is retained. Check the stability of the Bean Bag immediately before draping and frequently during surgery.
- If a Bean Bag softens during surgery, immediately re-attach the suction line and leave it attached for the duration of the procedure. Adhesive tape can also be applied as a temporary patch to any obvious holes.
- Avoid puncturing or pinching the Bean Bag. Be careful not to puncture the Bean Bag with towel clips, sharps or pinch with a clamp.

Lateral Positioning

1. Place the soft Bean Bag on the table and smooth out the beads. The U-shape cut-out should be towards the patient's head. If more patient exposure is needed near a corner of the Bean Bag, push the beads out of that area and fold under the Bean Bag corners.
2. Place the patient on the soft Bean Bag. Support the patient's arms and head and pad any bony prominences that are not resting on the Bean Bag.
3. Mold the Bean Bag to the patient. Typically, this is a two-person task — one on the patient's left, the other on the right — ensuring that the Bean Bag molds appropriately on both sides.

After Use

1. Reposition the patient by softening the Bean Bag. Squeeze the coupling together until it clicks.
2. Thoroughly clean and dry the Bean Bag after each use and then store as below.
3. It can be cleaned with standard PH neutral liquid cleansers or wipes that are used on the OR table surface. Do Not Immerse or autoclave.
4. Always store the Bean Bag on a flat surface and never place heavy or sharp objects on top.

