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Field Safety Notice (FSN)

Attention: Facility Risk Manager / Facility Administrator

Product: GH3 Lifting Hanger



Models: Item no. 550316 (medium)
Item no. 550057 (small)
Item no. 550058 (x-small)

Type of action: User Manual Modification:

- Updated and strengthened focus on how to attach the sling on the hanger

Ref: FSN/DK113

Background:

In recent years we have experienced 7 incidents in connection with the use/operation of the GH3 lifting hanger from Guldmann. One or more lifting straps have not been correctly placed in the lifting hanger's hooks with the result that the patients have fallen out of the sling, completely or partially, during the lifting operation.

Action to be taken:

The GH3 lifting hanger is a safe and reliable product and the risk of an unfortunate incident is extremely minimal. However, in order to carry out a safe lift or transfer of a patient it is a condition that the person who operates the product checks that the lifting straps from the sling are correctly placed in the lifting hanger's hooks

and that the patient is correctly placed on the sling, especially before starting to lift the patient.

We have therefore emphasized the paragraph "Attaching the lifting sling" in the User Manual.

The new instruction is attached to this FSN, and the new User Manual will automatically be sent to all customers in August 2012. The number of User Manuals will correspond to the number of lifting hangers purchased.

Transmission of this Field Safety Notice:

Please forward this information to all persons in your organisation/institution who operate the product in question.

Furthermore we ask you to replace the existing User Manuals with the new ones that you will receive in August, as well as inform the staff about this.

V. Guldmann A/S confirm that all relevant authorities have been informed about this Field Safety Notice.

Contact Reference Person:

If you have any questions concerning this request or the procedure as outlined, please contact your local Guldmann representative.

Yours sincerely

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Lifting sling

A lifting sling with four to six lifting straps designed for mounting on hooks should be used when using a Guldmann lifting hanger. Place the straps on the hooks. Make sure that the rubber safety catch returns to its start position, so the straps can not unintentionally fall off.

Slings made by other manufacturers

Guldmann shall not be liable for faults or accidents that may occur as a result of using lifting slings made by other manufacturers.

If there is any doubt about the selection or use of a lifting sling, please contact your supplier.

Guldmann shall not be liable for faults or accidents due to incorrect use of the lifting sling, or for reasons of inadequate attention on the part of the carer or user.

Working with the GH3

The GH3 runs easily in the rail system and does not have any special requirements for space or power in connection with moving. Attention can thus be fully focused on the user's functional level and the helper's technique.

If the hoist is used correctly, the user should only be lifted to the extent that she/he is clear of the surface and should be moved at this height.

Attaching the lifting sling

Place the straps from the lifting sling on the hooks on the lifting hanger. Start with the uppermost set of straps (from the back) and then take the lowest set of straps (from the legs).

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Caution!

Be careful when attaching the lifting sling on the hooks. Check that the straps have been pulled completely through the rubber safety catch (A) and into place in the lifting hanger's hooks. When pressing the up button to lift the user, check again that all the straps remain correctly placed in the lifting hanger's hooks (fig. 1a and fig. 1b).

