

Radial Arm Support Application

Pre-left radial access

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Step 1. With patient supine put the plastic support under mattress at the level of the right elbow/upper arm. Loosely fix the narrow end of the sling to the plastic support using attached Velcro.

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Step 2. Take wider end of sling across patient's body and place beneath the patient's left arm.

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Step 3. Bring wider part of the sling into a loop around left arm and secure in position using attached Velcro.

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Step 4. Patient can now be prepared using sterile drapes and radial access can be obtained.

Post-left radial access

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Step 5. Operator/scrub nurse raises patient drape to allow a non-scrubbed member of staff to bring patient's left arm towards patient's abdomen.

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Step 6. The sterile drapes are re-positioned to allow procedure to commence.

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Step 7. The narrow end of the sling is adjusted as necessary to secure patient's left arm in required position. This position should be comfortable for patient and operator.

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Step 8. Support board previously under patient's left arm during preparation can now be removed if required.