

# Klarity<sup>®</sup> Elekta HeadStep Masks for Radiation Therapy INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Klarity Thermoplastic Masks are medical devices used to ensure precise positioning and immobilization of patients undergoing radiation therapy treatment.

# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The proprietary Klarity thermoplastic material has been specially designed to ensure minimal shrinkage and superior fixation. The result is a mask that molds closely to the patient's contours to provide accurate reproducibility and optimal patient comfort.

Klarity masks are available in a variety of sizes and perforation patterns. Please consult www.klaritymedical.com for a complete selection.

### MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSAL

Klarity Thermoplastic Masks must be stored in a dry, clean place at a temperature between 50-95 °F (10-35 °C). Dispose of masks with normal facility waste.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

#### Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven or water bath to 165°F (73°C).
- 2. Fit the baseplate to the treatment table and determine the angle of the baseplate.
- 3. Position the patient's head in the head support.

#### Heating:

- 4. Heat mask (two methods): Convection Oven Method:
  - Remove the mask from the sealed plastic pouch.
  - Place the mask on the rack in the oven. ٠
  - Heat the mask for 3 to 10 minutes, depending on the oven model (do not exceed 30 minutes).
  - The thermoplastic will be translucent when ready.
  - Retrieve the mask from the oven.

To be used by a qualified medical professional IFU-M-016





Water Bath Method:

- Remove the mask from the sealed plastic pouch.
- Place the mask in the water bath. ٠
- Heat the mask for 1 to 2 minutes (do not exceed 5 ٠ minutes).
- The thermoplastic will be translucent when ready. ٠
- Lift the mask from the waterbath and shake off the . excess water.

### Molding:

- 5. Feel the thermoplastic to make sure it is not too hot to come in contact with the patient's skin.
- 6. Position the mask over the patient's face.
- 7. Tilting slightly downward at the chin, gently press the mask over the patient's face until the outer frame touches the baseplate.
- Snap the frame ends into the baseplate and lock it at the back.
- 9. With your fingers, gently and quickly mold the thermoplastic to the contours of the patient, paying close attention to the nose bridge.
- 10. Leave the mask on the patient until it cools completely, for at least ten minutes. The thermoplastic will shrink slightly during the cooling process.

# Removing:

- 11. Ensure that the mask is rigid and has cooled completely. Removing the mask too soon may result in excess shrinkage and patient discomfort when refitting.
- 12. Remove the mask from the patient.
- 13. If desired, treatment portals can be cut into the mask using heavy shears or a cast cutter.



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