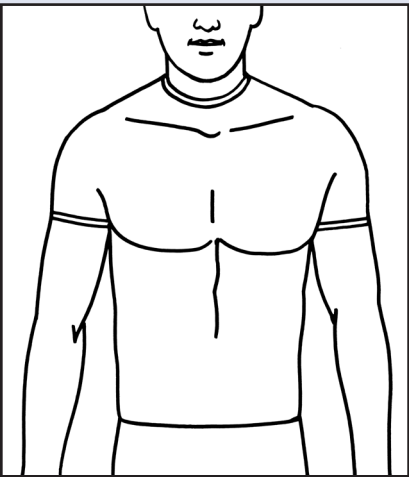


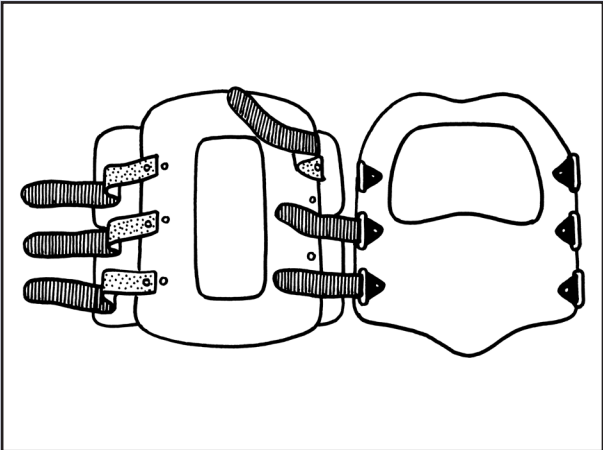
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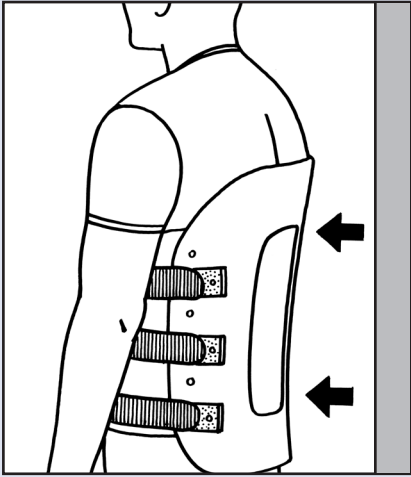
NOTE: Patient must be standing erect or lying supine for application.



1 Once satisfied with the trial fit of your VertAlign Orthosis shell selections, remove the shells from the packaging. A tee shirt may be worn in addition to the liners provided.

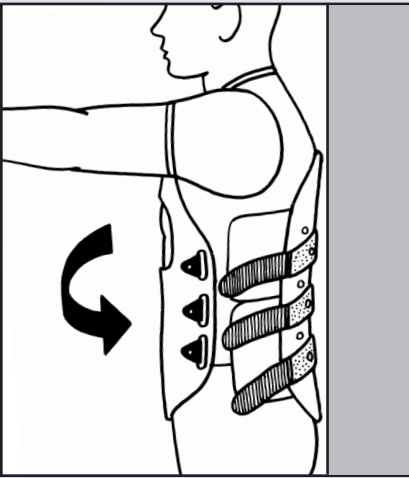


2 Attach the shells by placing each strap through a corresponding loop to the point of the loop-fabric on the strap and secure

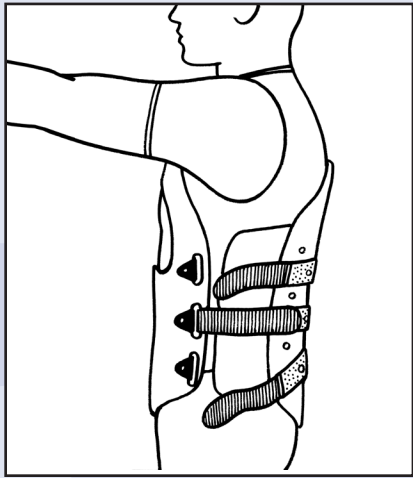


3 Place posterior shell on patient's back and lean against a wall or doorjamb to hold in position

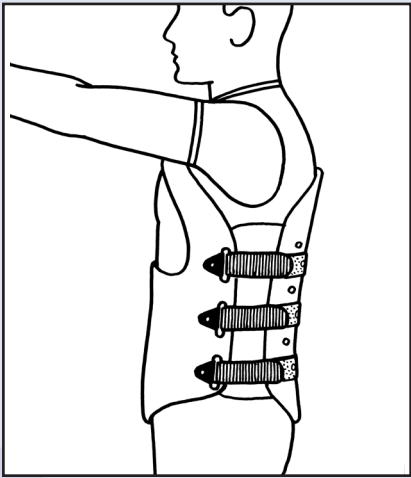
NOTE: If lying supine, roll patient 90° onto left side, place shell on patient's back in position and return patient to supine position. CAUTION: Do not adjust shell position by pulling on lateral panels.



4 While holding posterior shell in place, wrap anterior shell around patient and into place



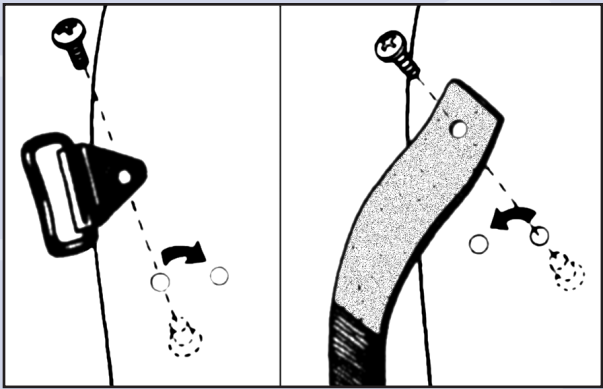
5 Secure the center strap and check position of anterior and posterior shells; adjust bilateral strap length/position and/or corresponding loop position as needed



6 Once in proper position, secure the remaining straps, review the enclosed information booklet with the patient as necessary

NOTE: Care should be taken to avoid tightening the straps to the point where the VertAlign Orthosis restricts patient breathing. You should be able to insert an index finger tip under the brace along the edges.

ADJUSTING STRAP/LOOP POSITION



Straps and/or loops may be repositioned to provide extra girth and/or if need be to assist the patient with self-application of the VertAlign Orthosis.

CAUTION: Care should be taken not to exceed the length of the lateral tongues. Doing so may cause patient discomfort and/or skin lesions.

ACCESSORIES AND ENHANCEMENTS

LAMBS WOOL STRIPS

In cases where extra padding may be needed on each side of the spine, lambs wool strips with hook & loop attachment are available for purchase by calling Customer Service toll free 800-428-2304. To apply, simply cut the strips with tape scissors to the desired length and/or shape, remove the covering from the adhesive backing and apply to the inside of the VertAlign Orthosis shells where needed.

FULL LAMBS WOOL LINER

Full liners are generally not used with rigid TLSOs because of moisture, bacteria and the resulting potential for skin maceration/complications. However, should a practitioner wish, full lambs wool liners, with application instructions, are available by calling Customer Service toll free 800-428-2304.

CAUTION: Failure to use the smoothing tool with shape enhancements may cause the patient discomfort, skin irritation and/or skin laceration.

NOTICE: To help assure proper performance of the VertAlign Orthosis, we strongly recommend you have the patient, or a family member, demonstrate reapplication proficiency before leaving with the product. See enclosed patient information booklet for details.

TRIMMING/SMOOTHING

NOTE: Before altering the shape of a VertAlign Orthosis shell, recheck the trial fitting procedures and anatomical landmarks to be certain the proper shell(s) has been selected and/or a Custom VertAlign Orthosis is not indicated.

Though unlikely, there may be occasions where a minor enhancement to the VertAlign Orthosis shape is needed to optimize patient comfort. For example, a slight enlargement to the distal portion of the anterior shell window might be indicated to accommodate a large-breasted female. If needed, tin snips and the smoothing tool enclosed in the spare parts package should be used to make shape enhancements.

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