



User Guide For Undergarments

There are three styles of Parafricta® undergarment.



Parafricta[®] low friction fabric Undergarments are reusable products that are intended to aid in the prevention or healing of pressure ulcers, either alone or in combination with wound dressings, incontinence pads or pressure relieving equipment.

Pressure ulcers (Pressure injuries/ "bedsores") can lead to serious and even life-threatening health consequences if left untreated. Always seek advice from a qualified healthcare professional if you think you, or a person in your care, has a pressure ulcer.

Instructions for Use

- Designed for continual wear under clothes or nightwear to protect skin on the sacrum, buttocks, and hips.
- May be used in combination with suitable pressure relieving devices such as mattresses, cushions, or overlays.
- Select the appropriate style in the size according to the Size Selection table.
- If it is difficult for the user to get the slip-on styles on or off, consider using the Velcro[®]-brand closure style, which can be opened at the front.

Instructions for Use (continued)

- Change to a clean undergarment if there is soiling or according to clinical judgement.
- May be used over dressings to help retain wound dressings by preventing displacement caused by friction ("rucking up").
- Incontinence pads may be worn, but vulnerable skin or dressed wounds should ideally remain in contact with the lining fabric of the undergarment. Pads may be retained, if necessary, with net fixation pants, under the undergarment.
- The Undergarments should be disposed of if there is heavy soiling not removed by washing or if there are signs of seam failure or damage to the low friction lining fabric.

Size Selection



Use the table below. Both the waist and the hips dimensions are required to ensure the best fit. Go first by the hip size closest to the users if in doubt which size to select.

Undergarment Model		Product Size	Hip Size (cm)	Waist Size (cm)	Product Code
	PFFUG-001 Velcro®-brand closure Brief Style	XS	86-90	56-65	PFFUG-001XS
		S	91-99	66-80	PFFUG-001S
		М	100-110	81-93	PFFUG-001M
		L	111-120	94-106	PFFUG-001L
		XL	121-130	107-121	PFFUG-001XL
	PFFUG-002 Slip-on Brief Style	XS	86-90	56-65	PFFUG-002XS
		S	91-99	66-80	PFFUG-002S
		М	100-110	81-93	PFFUG-002M
		L	111-120	94-106	PFFUG-002L
		XL	121-130	107-121	PFFB-001XL
	PFFUG-003 Slip-on Boxer Style	XS	86-90	56-65	PFFUG-003XS
		S	91-99	66-80	PFFUG-003S
		М	100-110	81-93	PFFUG-003M
		L	111-120	94-106	PFFUG-003L
		XL	121-130	107-121	PFFUG-003XL
		XXL	131-152	122-140	PFFUG-003XXL

When to Use

Parafricta® Undergarments work by providing relief from friction and associated shear.

Consider using for patients under the following conditions (examples):

- When there are already early signs of skin breakdown e.g. non-blanching erythema; abrasions; high sub-epidermal moisture.
- When patients are dragging skin on the support surface whilst repositioning e.g. using a transfer board from bed to chair.
- Wheelchair users.
- When patients' conditions result in chronic repetitive movements or restlessness.
- When the dressing over an existing pressure ulcer is frequently displaced.
- When there is a particular cause of very high risk (e.g. in diabetics or at end of life).

Precautions

- Do not use on undressed, open wounds.
- Ensure that complete pressure offloading is (also) used where indicated, particularly for suspected deep tissue injury (sDTI).

Washing Instructions

- Parafricta® Undergarments should be washed in a light load on a hot (60°C), synthetics cycle in a domestic washing machine.
- In a professional laundry the undergarments may be washed on a setting that includes 70°C for 10 minutes (sanitising cycle).
- Heavily soiled items may be pre-soaked in a proprietary oxidising stain remover (not domestic/chlorine bleach).
- Line (air) dry.
- Do not iron.
- Do not dry clean.

References

See www.parafricta.com 'Clinical Evidence'

NICE Guidance - Parafricta Bootees and Undergarments to reduce skin breakdown in people with or at risk of pressure ulcers - 19 May 2021

www.nice.org.uk/guidance/mtg20

Glossary of Symbols Used on Pack Inserts

REF	Catalogue number	UDI	Unique Device Identifier
X1	Pack of 1	LOT	Batch code
ī	Consult Electronic Instructions for Use		Date of manufacture
Pi	Patient Information Website	Σ	Use-by date
60	Maximum washing temperature 60°C – mild	MD	Medical device
	process	C E	Complies with EU medical device regulations
	Only oxygen / non-chlorine bleach allowed		Complies with UK medical device directive
	Line drying	CA	
\mathbb{X}	Do not iron		
Ø	Do not dry clean		

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Fibre Content of Undergarments

PFFUG-001 Velcro®-brand closure Brief	PFFUG-002 Slip-on Brief Style	PFFUG-003 Slip-on Boxer Style
Style	Body/Lining: 100% Nylon	Body/Lining: 100% Nylon
Body/Lining: 100% Nylon	Binding: 80% Nylon, 20% Elastane	Elastic: 83% Nylon, 17% Elastane
Binding: 80% Nylon, 20% Elastane	Gusset: 100% Cotton	Latex free
Gusset: 100% Cotton	Elastic: 83% Nylon, 17% Elastane	
Elastic: 83% Nylon, 17% Elastane	Latex free	
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