



PATIENT TUTORIAL

HOW TO OPERATE THE RECLINER

The Beetle Haemodialysis chair used at all National Renal Care units has been designed for safety and comfort, it is important that you understand the basic features of the chair. This will prevent injury to yourself and prevent unnecessary breakages to the chairs.

There are special features to lower and elevate the head and feet sections, which you can adjust to enhance your comfort during dialysis, other features might be used by the dialysis staff if needed for medical requirements.

There are removable accessories, these can be requested or removed depending on your comfort and needs speak to the staff if you require any of them.

The low voltage control panel is used to adjust the chair into the various positions and has a battery backup system in case of a power failure. See diagram 2

The chair is cleaned and disinfected as per NRC Infection Control Policies between patients and covered with clean linen.

The green light on the control panel will be on when the chair is connected to the power and only then can the controls can be used.

Before getting onto the chair make sure that:

- You are aware of the features of the chair
- The chairs brakes need to be locked in the down position, (see diagram 1) if the breaks are not totally locked the chair may move there could be a risk of slipping or falling.
- The chair is at a height that is easy for you to get onto and out of, preferably flat.
- The back of the chair is not too close to the wall at the head of the chair.
- The chair is not obstructed by anything for example bed screens, dialysis machine, trolleys etc this includes behind in front and below.
- Never use the accessories such as arm and footrests and drip stands as a crutch or for support, if you need help ask for help.
- Remember if you are not sure or feel insecure ask for help.
- The chair is designed for a person weighing up to 170kg.



Diagram 1

What do the diagrams on the control panel mean?

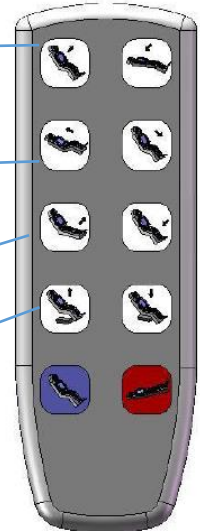
LEFT HAND BUTTONS

Button 1 - The back of the chair moves up

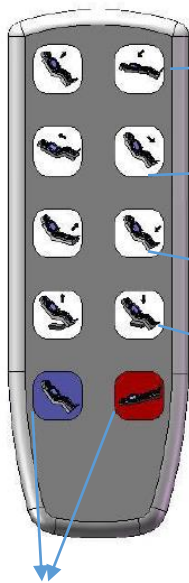
Button 2 - The chair will straighten out and lower the head, this button should only be used by the nursing staff and the must never leave you alone when the chair is in this position

Button 3 – Feet up position this position will elevate your feet

Button 4 – Seat up position this will raise the seat to your desired position



RIGHT HAND BUTTONS



Button 5 – Back down position, always check that there are no obstacles in the way

Button 6 – This button should never be used by a patient and only by a trained member of staff, this button brings the chair into a standing position.

Button 7 – Feet down position, by pressing this button the chair will be in a setting position.

Button 8 – Seat down position the seat of the chair will be

EMERGENCY BUTTONS - to be operated by trained staff only

The red & blue buttons will instantly move the chair into the desired position in case of an emergency.