

## Instructions for the Alternating Pressure Pump & Mattress



### Instructions:

Place pump on a flat surface, or suspend on the end of the bed with attached strap/hooks, if available.

1. Remove all bedding and place the unfolded air mattress on top of the bed mattress with the hose connectors near the foot end if possible.
2. Connect the hose to the pumps air outlets and to the mattress connectors.
3. Check to ensure the air hoses are not kinked or tucked under the mattress.
4. Plug the power cord of the pump into an outlet. Then switch the pump on. That pump must remain plugged in *and* on at all times for the system to work properly.
5. The mattress will take 15-20 minutes to fully inflate. In that, time the mattress will shorten to fit the bed. After which time the bedding can be placed directly over the air mattress.

### Pad System

The air mattress contains two sets of air cells, which alternately are inflated and deflated every two and a half to four minutes (depending on model). To minimize movement, full inflation of one set of cells occurs before the large alternate set is deflated.



## **Trouble shooting:**

Mattress is flat or not fully inflated:

- Ensure that the pump is plugged in and turned on.
- Check to see if the hoses are properly connected and there are no kinks in the hose.
- Check for leaks in the air mattress.

## **Inspection:**

1. Check the Air Mattress for any cracks or leaks.
2. Straighten the Hose and check for cracks or kinks.
3. Ensure the hose is securely connected to the mattress and pump.
4. Make sure the Pump is not covered by anything. Also, do not place on top of a plush pillow or blanket as this can lead to the pump overheating.
5. Check power cords for cuts or abrasions. Ensure that it is safely placed so as not to be pinched or caught in any part of the bed.

## **Helpful Hints**

- Cover the Air Mattress in a sheet to reduce the possibility of punctures.
- Avoid using such items as heating pads or hot water bottles directly on the Air Mattress.
- Ensure the Hose is positioned so as not to twist or kink. This may restrict airflow and damage the unit.
- Set the Pump in an area at the foot of the bed where it will not be disrupted by traffic or dislodged by regular activity.

*If items or parts need to be replaced or repaired, please contact MDA for assistance.*