

<u>The Troop Elevation Pillow / Set-up Instructions</u> (Designed for use with a standard intubation pillow) (Place a 'cross sheet' under the Elevation Pillow (EP); if needed this will Facilitate moving the patient as a 'unit' with the EP)



(Put the O.R. table in a <u>slight back down position</u>...facilitates patient transfer; post transfer raise the back up to achieve <u>the H.E.L.P. position</u>) (Place a 'regular' pillow under the patient's knees)

Use the Barrier Cover for Foam or Vinyl Covered Elevation Pillow



Morbidly Obese Patient: from fully supine to the Head Elevated Laryngoscopy Position... (H.E.L.P.)

(Teaching web site...www.troopelevationpillow.com)

(For more information; please contact <u>Mercury Medical</u> @ 1-800-237-6418 <u>www.mercurymed.com</u>)

## Tips on Using *The Elevation Pillow*

1) Place the Elevation Pillow (EP) at the head of the O.R. table and cover the EP with its form fitted impermeable barrier cover (sold separately) (this cover provides added patient comfort and helps to keep the EP clean). <u>Place the vinyl covered standard</u> <u>intubating pillow on the plateau / flat part of the vinyl covered Elevation Pillow.</u> Place a sheet 'cross wise' <u>underneath</u> the Elevation Pillow. If post intubation the patient needs to be moved down the O.R. table (into lithotomy position for example), by lifting with the sheet, the Elevation Pillow & patient can be moved as a unit and the patient remains in the same head elevated laryngoscopy position (H.E.L.P.).

2) Put the O.R. table in ~5-10 degrees 'back down' position (The patient can then transfer from stretcher to O.R. table on a "level plain".)

3) The patient's shoulders should be resting on the upper curve of the <u>*Elevation*</u> <u>*Pillow*</u>. The patient's head should rest on the standard intubating pillow at the upper edge of the Elevation Pillow.

4) After the patient is on the O.R. table and resting on the <u>*Elevation Pillow &</u>* <u>standard intubating pillow</u>, adjust the O.R. table ~5-10 degrees 'back-up' as needed.</u>

5) 'Build-up' the arm boards with foam and / or folded blankets or place the <u>Elevated</u> (*vinyl covered*) Arm Board pads (sold separately)...item #10-910-07

6) *Place a 'regular' hospital pillow under the patient's knees.* 

CAUTION: DURING SURGERY, CLOSELY MONITOR FOR 'SLIPPING' OF ELEVATION PILLOW & PATIENT *IF THE O.R. TABLE IS PLACED IN STEEP TRENDELENBERG* 

Note: a sample <u>Troop Elevation Pillow cover</u> (impermeable barrier) is included...<u>for</u> <u>infection control reasons;</u> use one 'new' disposable cover for each patient...the covers are available for purchase (30 per box) item # 10-910-03

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