

LAMBSKIN MEDICAL PADS

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Hippocrates himself first advocated the therapeutic value of sleeping on a sheepskin. Today lambskins are widely used in the medical profession to provide ease and comfort to patients in pain and to prevent pressure sores for patients with limited mobility. For natural comfort and warmth, nothing beats lambskin.

Pressure sores are a very serious medical condition. They are extremely painful, slow to heal and, fortunately, preventable. Decubitus ulcers, bedsores or pressure ulcers, are all names of tissue breakdown at vulnerable areas of delicate skin. There are three primary causes of tissue breakdown: pressure, friction, and moisture. Medical lambskins provide an effective intervention against all three problems.

It is the wool fibers, each individually held intact by the tanned skin of the sheep, which hold the secret to the lambskin's therapeutic value. The high density of soft springy wool provides a cushion that evenly distributes body weight and relieves pressure at vulnerable pressure points on the patient's body. This stress-free bone and joint support is especially important after surgery.

Lambskins also provide a plush smooth surface to reduce strain on patients' frail skin. This can prevent skin tissue shearing or friction at the point of contact between the patient and the support surface (such as the bed or wheelchair).

The amazing wool fibers are also able to absorb 34% of their dry weight without ever feeling damp. They further rapidly dissipate this moisture away from the source - alleviating discomfort to immobile patients from perspiration and reducing moisture build up at the pressure points.

The wool fibers of lambskin medical pads have the additional advantage of being naturally fire resistant. Wool will char in an open flame but will not ignite or support combustion. Synthetic fibers will ignite and burn quickly and even melt onto the skin. A real sheepskin will have a leather back. Anything with a rubber or knitted back is NOT a real sheepskin and will not have the same beneficial qualities.

Lambskins are used in a variety of health care products. As well as the medical pads, they are perfect as wheelchair cover as for a wide assortment of padded accessories -- anywhere delicate skin needs soothing and protection from friction, pressure and moisture. Sleeping on a lambskin pad has wonderful therapeutic value even for those who are not at risk for pressure sores. Lambskins can ease pain caused by arthritis, rheumatism, repetitive work, or even tired sore muscles.

Lambskins are easy to love and to live with. They are hardwearing, long-lasting and in most cases are machine washable. There are even lambskin pads available that are treated with an anti-microbial process. They travel easily, from the bed to a chair, to the car, on a plane and even outside. They are also a great value. Medical lambskins are a very effective and affordable way to ease pain and provide comfort.