

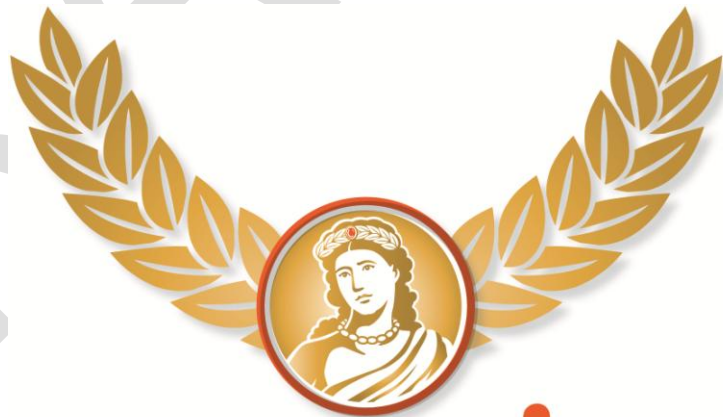
# Soteria Strains

## Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Program Guide

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*A provincial strategy for healthcare workplace musculoskeletal injury prevention.*

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**Section 4 – Special Considerations sub-sections will be expanded and/or modified as required based on input from experience and observations during program implementation.**

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## 4.6 - Patients with Amputations

Patients with an amputation present with structural asymmetry, and altered sensation. The risks involved with handling and mobility tasks depend on the nature of the amputation(s) and any comorbidities. Pain control and skin/wound integrity are especially important in this patient population. If a sling is required, it must be designed for this use. Slings for people with amputations support the whole body including their shoulders and the pelvis and are suitable for lifting both single and double above-the-knee amputees. As with all patient populations, the proper-size sling is important in the proper, safe care of the patient. See Figure 4.6.1 - Example of a sling designed for a patient with an above knee amputation



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