



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

This retractor is intended for use on the patient with redundant tissue (i.e., panniculus), which potentially will interfere with surgical exposure. The retractor will allow the surgeon to retract redundant tissue out of the operative field. Notice the "HOLD HERE" and "PULL HERE" tabs. Use these areas to manipulate the retractor during application. No adhesive will be exposed at these locations when the backing is removed correctly. Tabs A, B and C are to be removed sequentially. The arrow and "MIDLINE" marks are guides to assist in orientation. The widest part of the device is to be placed on the panniculus with the midline arrow pointing toward the patient's head.

Traxi is supplied sterile and can be applied aseptically or as a "positioner" prior to prepping the patient. If the patient is prepped before applying traxi, **allow the prep sufficient time to dry before applying traxi.**

Applying the Retractor:

1. If necessary, manually retract panniculus to expose the surgical site. Remove tab "A" and position the retractor 5cm above the incision line. Apply to patient.
2. Remove "B" panels. Hold in tension while smoothing onto patient's skin from midline out.
3. Fold back the device and relax the panniculus back to normal position. Remove "C" panel by simultaneously pulling "C" tabs.
4. Using the "HOLD HERE" and "PULL HERE" tabs, together, in tension, lift toward the ceiling and pull the retractor cephalad. When the desired retraction is obtained, apply to patient's xiphoid or sternum.

NOTE: Retraction should now be optimal. If the panniculus is not retracted prior to applying panel "C", retraction will not be optimal. Therefore apply "C" after retraction, not before, as it will not be as effective.

Warnings, Precautions & Contraindications:

- Skin conditions should be assessed for integrity before affixing retractor to the dermis
- Before applying to the surface of the skin, the skin must be clean, dry, free of all gels, liquids, grease, creams, etc
- Do not place over the patient's airways.
- Do not place over abrasions, contusions, rashes or any open breaks in the dermis.
- Not to be used intra-wound
- Do not leave on patient longer than 24 hours
- Remove slowly while supporting the skin
- Do not cut or modify this device
- Do not re-apply to the patient—single use only
- Discard and dispose of properly after use