

Healthcare Services of America

GERI CHAIR



A Geri Chair provides support and comfort in a recliner. These chairs are designed to meet the needs of patients requiring optimal positioning, providing the comfort and support needed for prolonged sitting. They are rugged, easy-to-clean and perform a variety of functions safely and effectively. Recliners have padded arms, three seating positions and a side tray.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To Recline the Chair Without Using the Position Lock Lever

1. Locate the plunger release knob on the back of the assembly.
2. Pull the knob outward and hold.
3. Push the position lock lever up against the back assembly frame and release the plunger release knob.

NOTE: The knob will hold the position lock lever in the stored position preventing it from locking into the studs on the frame.

4. While seated in recliner, grip the armrests and simultaneously lean body weight back and push forward with your arms.

NOTE: The footrest assembly will elevate automatically as the chair is reclined.

NOTE: The occupant should not be required to exert excessive force to change recline positions. If the recliner exhibits difficulty in reclining, the position lock lever may be engaged and an attendant should be called to put position lock lever in the stored position. If recliner still exhibits difficulty in reclining, call Medical Plus Supplies.

5. An attendant can easily recline the chair from a standing position (beside the chair) by simply grasping the armrest with one hand; the padded push handle with the other and then pushing down on the push handle.

For Attendant to Tilt and/or Recline

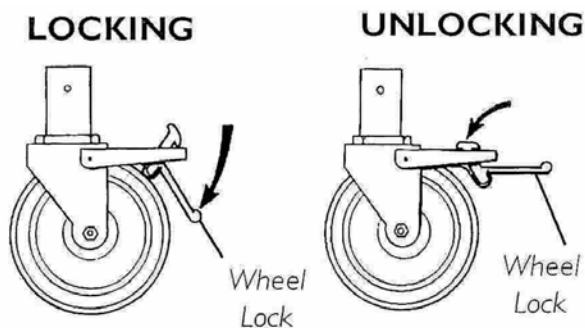
Test the tilt and recline feature of the recliner first without an occupant to ensure the gas piston is operational. DO NOT operate the recline option if the gas piston is not operational.

ALWAYS make sure the recliner is stable BEFORE using the tilt and/or recline option.

Make sure the patient is properly positioned in the recliner before tilting, reclining or inclining to maintain maximum stability and safety.

When returning the occupant of the recliner to the full upright position, more body strength will be required for the last 20 degrees of sitting up. Make sure to use proper body mechanics (use your legs) or seek assistance to avoid injury.

Locking / unlocking the rear wheels

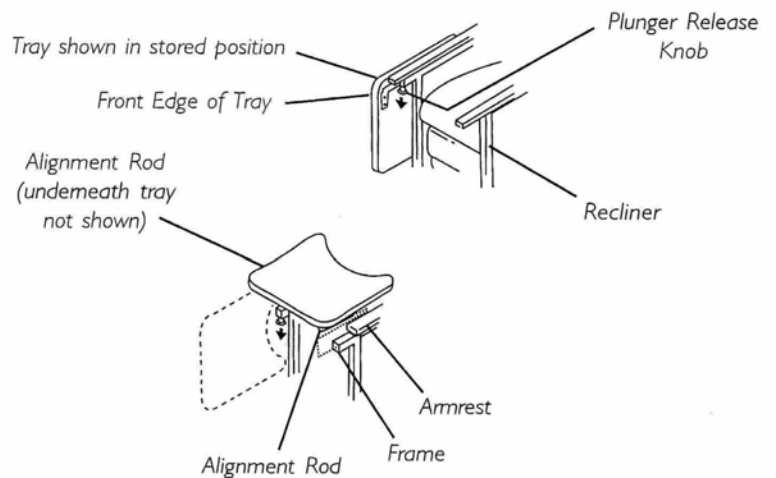


1. Push down on the wheel lock mechanism to engage the wheel locks.
2. Release the wheel locks by pushing the other side of the lock mechanism downward.

Installing Tray into Position

Note: Right and left sides are determined by the user's seated position.

1. With your right hand, pull down on the plunger release knob below the right armrest of the recliner.
2. With your left hand, grasp the front edge of the tray and pull the tray away from the recliner until alignment rod is out of the frame.
3. Rotate the tray 90 degrees.
4. Insert both alignment rods into the frame underneath the armrests.
5. Push the alignment rods completely into the frame until they lock into place



WARNINGS: The weight limit for recliners is 250 pounds.

The tray has a weight limit of 40 pounds.

- Do not use near an open flame or heat source, as all upholstery materials, even though treated with flame retardant, can ignite when exposed to open flame.
- Rear caster wheels **MUST** be locked during user transfer to or from recliner and while tilting and/or reclining or sitting up.
 - Before attempting to transfer in or out of the recliner, every precaution should be taken to reduce the gap distance. Turn the recliner toward the object you are transferring to and from the recliner, **ALWAYS ENGAGE BOTH WHEEL LOCKS**. Special care must be taken with people that have physical limitations which may require an assistant.
 - Do **NOT** enter or exit the recliner when footrest is elevated.
 - **DO NOT** sit on the footrest when recliner is extended. The recliner **WILL** tip and bodily injury may occur.
 - Do **NOT** push or pull footrest to position the recliner.
 - Do **NOT** place hands or feet into any\ openings when adjusting the recliner. Attendant or care provider should always verify placement of user's hands and feet prior to adjusting the recliner. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily injury.
 - Do **NOT** lift the recliner by the footrest. Lifting by means of the footrest may result in injury to the user and/or damage to the recliner.
 - Do **NOT** attempt to stop the recliner while in motion with the wheel locks. Wheel locks are not brakes!
 - Do **NOT** traverse, climb or go down ramps or slopes **GREATER** than 9 degrees.

Operation of recliner with missing or broken mechanism guards may result in bodily injury. Periodic inspection of the footrest guard and scissor mechanism guard must be made frequently by the attendant or caregiver. Torn, cracked or otherwise damaged guards must be replaced prior to use. Recliner **MUST** be removed from service until replacement guards are installed. Call Healthcare Services of America!