

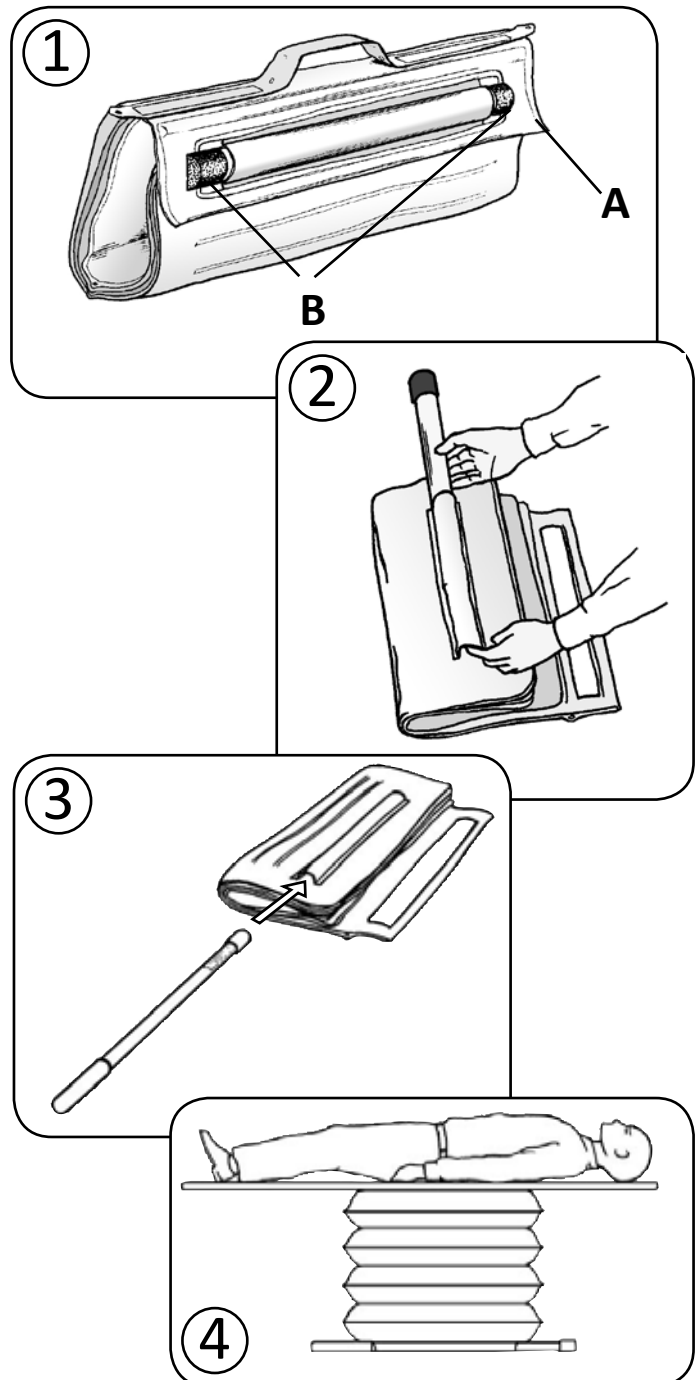
ELK Stretcher Bars - Instructions for Use

The Stretcher Bars provide additional stability when the ELK is used to lift a patient on a Spinal Board, Scoop Stretcher or other preferred supportive platform of your choice. Before using the Mangar ELK, DO READ the separate ELK user Instructions (ME0117).

WARNING:

ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE SUPPORTIVE BOARD/STRETCHER IS ADEQUATELY STEADIED AT EACH END WHEN BEING RAISED ON THE ELK.

- Unroll the ELK by unclipping the flap (A fig.1) from the ends of the stability bar (B.fig.1).
- Remove a black end cap from each stability bar and remove the bars from their pockets (Fig.2).
- Insert the yellow stretcher bars (short end cap first) into the two pockets (Fig.3) so that the long end cap is tight up against the pocket opening.
- Place the ELK beside the supportive board/ stretcher and using the appropriate manual handling techniques as advised by your manual handling coordinator, position the board/stretcher on the ELK so that to start with, the waist band of the patient is approximately level with the centre line of the ELK (Fig. 4). NOTE: Depending on the stature of the patient, it may be necessary to adjust the position of the board/stretcher on the ELK to achieve balance.
- Operate the ELK in accordance with the ELK user instructions to fully inflate each section from the bottom up. Adjust the board/ stretcher position as necessary to achieve proper balance before carrying out a full lift. ENSURE that board/stretcher is steadied at each end when being raised.



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