

DANRIK WEDGE

Pelvic Cushion

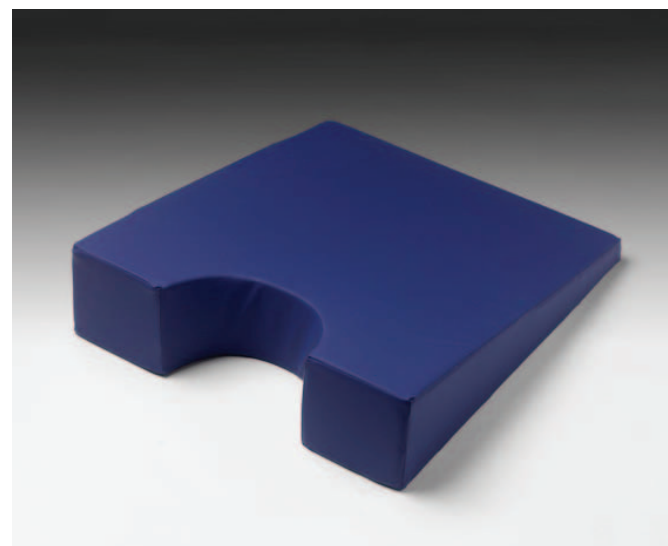
Introduction

Cervical cancer kills more than 1300 women a year. Despite this, due to the embarrassment and discomfort caused by the procedure, thousands of women each year avoid taking the test. Much of the problem caused by the test is down to the design of standard examination couches which cause the patient to lie flat on the surgery bed, not the best position for access to the cervix.

Nurses often have to use the speculum in the wrong orientation causing discomfort, bruising and possibly lasting damage to the woman's urodynamics. With the culture of increasing litigation within the National Health Service in the UK this was clearly an area that needed to be addressed.

The Solution

Danrik Wedge, designed by a Nurse Practitioner with over 30 years nursing experience.



"Cervical smears can be difficult for both patient and practitioner. It can seem intrusive and embarrassing and may be the reason why some women don't attend. I wanted to see if we could make the procedure more comfortable and using the dense foam wedge I devised, it tilts the pelvis so that the speculum can be used properly and quickly with much less discomfort"

Lynne Phillippo, Inventor

- 3! Uniquely designed to tilt the pelvis.
- 3! Quicker & easier to carry out cervical smear test.
- 3! Helps take the trauma out of the test.
- 3! Can be used for other pelvic procedures e.g. fitting of IUCDs (coils) & transvaginal ultrasound procedures.
- 3! Fabric cover is latex free, waterproof & breathable.
- 3! Will encourage compliance with cervical screening programs & reduce the potential for post-procedural litigation.

Where Can I Get One?

The Danrik Wedge is manufactured by Charnwood Healthcare Ltd (www.charnwoodhealthcare.com). Sales enquiries to Paul McLintic on Tel: +44 (0)1202 620839 or Email: info@charnwoodhealthcare.com.

Price is £150 + VAT and comes with two year warranty.

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