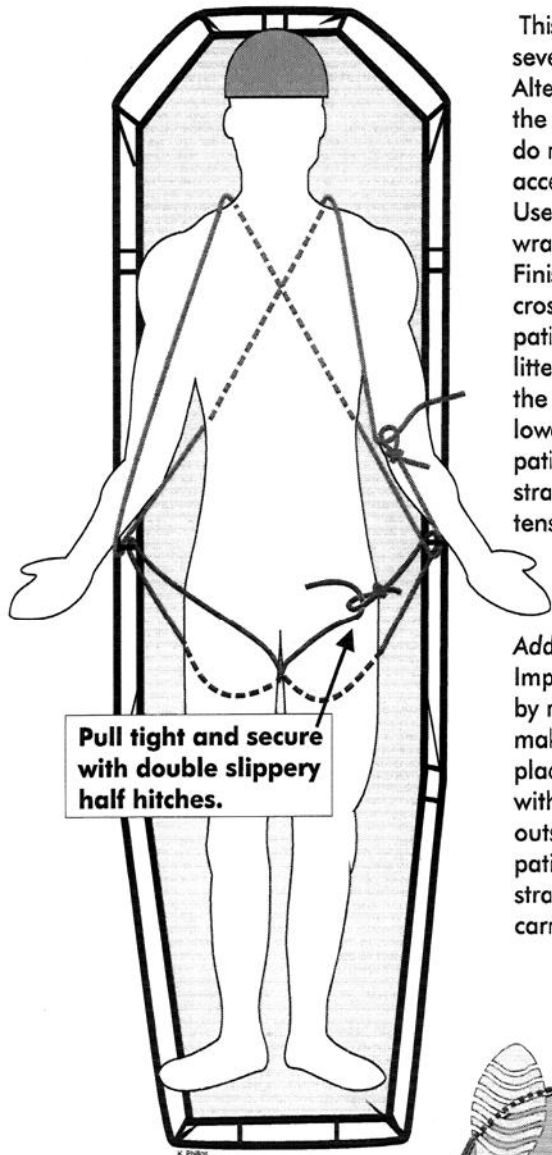


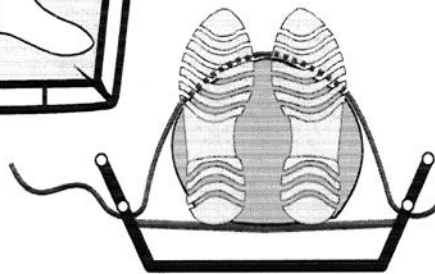
YOSEMITE PACKAGING TECHNIQUE



This patient packaging technique utilizes several nylon runners to secure the patient. Alternative packaging techniques, which lace the patient in with one extremely long runner, do not permit isolated adjustment or patient access without compromising the entire system. Use **two 18 foot runners** for the "figure eight" wraps through the groin and over the shoulders. Finish with several additional circumferential cross straps (12 foot runners), which secure the patient by locking them down in the rescue litter. These circumferential straps (not shown in the illustration to left) should be secured to the lower liter bar in order to prevent lateral any patient movement. Avoid positioning cross straps directly over the knees or excessive tension that restricts patient breathing.

Additional Considerations:

Improvised patient padding can be constructed by rolling up sleeping pads by the long side to make "Tootsie Roll" pads. These are secured in place alongside the patient to prevent contact with the litter frame in rugged terrain carry-outs. Also consider padding between the patient's clavicle and the packaging shoulder straps for increased comfort during extended carry-outs.



END VIEW

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