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**FAQ:** Is the Posey Freedom Splint 8168 Series considered a Restraint ?

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**Under FDA regulations; the 8168 series of Posey Freedom Splints is not considered a restraint**, because it is classified in **21CFR 878.3910**, as a “Noninflatable Extremity Splint Identification.” “A non inflatable extremity splint is a device intended to immobilize a limb or an extremity. It is not inflatable.”

The intended use of the Posey Freedom Splint is to limit the movement of the limb as not to interfere with medical treatment. The Posey Freedom Splint is a self-releasing device and does not prevent the patient from freely moving about. It merely serves as a gentle reminder not to pick at tubes or other treatments being administered for the patient’s health and well being.

However HCFA defines a Restraint in 42CFR 483.13 as “any manual method or physical or mechanical device, material, or equipment attached or adjacent to the individual’s body that the individual cannot remove easily which restricts freedom of movement or normal access to one’s body.” **Therefore if the individual cannot remove the Freedom Splint easily it would be considered a restraint under HCFA regulations.**

Posey Freedom splints should be considered as a least restrictive treatment, and tried before more restrictive products such as wrist restraints are ordered. Should the Freedom Splint prove ineffective, and the patient is assessed to be in immediate danger of pulling out tubes, picking at wound sites or otherwise disrupting life sustaining medical treatment. More restrictive treatment such as wrist restraints may be required, and a Physician or LIP order would be required.

For complete cleaning and use instructions for all Posey products, please refer to package insert accompanying each product.

We hope that this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Posey Customer Service at (800) 44-Posey or (800) 447-6739.