

ICI Safe Patient Handling Equipment

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Patients should be able to bear weight and stand up independently, but still need some support to prevent falls.

Weight Capacity: 400 lbs.



Instructions:

- Pivot the two seat halves up and open the legs if needed and approach the seated patient asking them to place their feet on the footrest with knees against the knee-pad.
- Apply the brakes and ask the patient use the cross bar to stand up and pivot the two seat halves down so the patient can sit. Release the brakes and proceed with the transfer.
- At the transfer location, apply the brakes and have the patient stand up. Pivot the two seat halves up and ask them to sit down holding the crossbar.

Total Lifts



Used to transfer patients from bed to chair, bed to gurney, floor to bed, etc. Also used for repositioning.

Used on all patients except those who have just had hip surgery. Patient does have to be able to assist.



Weight Capacity:
Vander 600 lbs

Maxi Rest 700 lbs

- Place the bottom of the sling even with the patient's tailbone.
- Put the leg straps under the patient's legs and criss-cross the straps through the loop closest to the patient's body.
- With the hanger bar arms parallel to the patient's arms, use the same loops on each side to attach the sling to the hanger bar. Adjust the patient's position by choosing the loops closest to their shoulders for a seated position and farthest from the shoulders for a more reclined position.
- Do not lock the wheels when lifting or lowering the patient as the lift has to find its center of gravity.
- Stand next to the patient to reassure them.. Once lifted, move to the new location and lower the patient into place.

More Useful Tips:

Please Note:

- The slings either until the sling is soiled or the patient is discharged. Then, cut off the straps and discard. Do not launder!
- Slings are scanned and charged to Risk Management, not the patient nor the unit.
- You are responsible for cleaning the equipment with germicidal wipes after each use
- Keep the total lift plugged in when not in use so that the battery will stay charged. Cycle it up and down periodically to ensure that the battery does not discharge from lack of use.
- If the lift doesn't work, first check to see if the red manual stop switch is in the off position. (floor lifts. For emergency lowering, use the red turn dial on mast.

Slings:

- Our patient specific disposable slings come in 4 sizes Here are order numbers: M (yellow) 23603, L (green) 23602, XL (purple) 23601 and XXL (white)23606. Choose the size that fits the patient's body weight distribution.
- Limb Sling 23610
- Turning Sling 23607

AirPals/Air Matts

Reusable



- Used for lateral transfers and repositioning.
- Comes in three sizes. Color of strap as follows: 32" (blue), and 50" (orange). Both have same weight capacity (1200 lbs.), so choose based on patient's body weight distribution.
- Place the patient on the Air Pal in the same manner as you would changing a sheet.
- Align bed and gurney side-by-side. Lock the wheels on both before beginning the transfer.
- Attach the hose from the air canister to the Air Pal. Place the hose by the patient's feet so he/she doesn't have the noise by the ear.
- If the patient weighs in excess of 250 lbs., use two air canisters.
- Wait until the Air Pal is fully inflated before moving the patient. Never use it to transfer without inflating first.
- When inflated, pull the patient towards you. Be sure to stand close to the side of the bed or gurney to keep patient safe.
- Wipe the Air Pal down with germicidal wipes between transfers. If heavily soiled, place in a bag and drop off at a designated site for special cleaning. Please do not put through the hospital laundry.

Z-Slider

Orange sheet used for lateral transfers and repositioning. It is placed between the bed sheet and draw sheet.



Available through eProcurement— Item ID: 50208833

- Two caregivers should be used when repositioning or transferring a patient. With one person on each side of the bed, and using the draw sheet, log roll the patient onto their side. Place half of the Z-Slider next to the patient between the draw sheet and the bed sheet, with the arrows pointing in the direction of the move. Log roll the patient in the opposite direction, pull the Z-Slider through the remainder of the way. Straighten out the Z-Slider so that it is under the patient's body (positioned from just below the hips to the shoulders).

REPOSITIONING

- While on each side of the bed, each caregiver should grasp the draw sheet and simultaneously slide the patient up in the bed to the desired position.
- The Z-Slider should be removed after repositioning the patient. Log roll the patient and remove the Z-Slider from under the patient.

LATERAL TRANSFER

- While on each side of the beds and using the draw sheet, one caregiver gently pulls the draw sheet while the other caregiver gently pushes, sliding the patient from gurney to bed or bed to gurney. Care should be taken to ensure proper positioning of the head and lower legs during the transfer. Arrows indicate the direction of the move.

Caution:

- Unless actively transferring or repositioning, do NOT leave the Z-Slider under a patient. Log roll the patient and remove the Z-Slider from under the patient.
- Single patient use only. Disposable.

Questions?

You can find information regarding Safe Patient Handling including how PeopleSoft numbers for slings on our Intranet site: Disability Management and Workers' Compensation

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