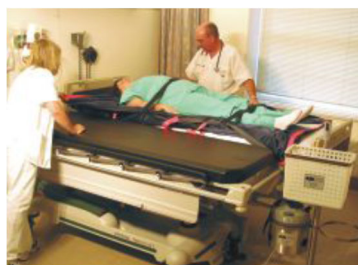


IHE Safe Patient Handling Equipment

AirPals/Air Matts

AirPals are blue and come in three sizes. The color of strap as follows: 32" (blue), 39" (silver) and 50" (orange).

Air Matts come in 34" and are bright green.



Weight capacity (1200 lbs.),

Instructions:

- Center the patient on the AirPal using a log rolling technique ensuring foot end is in correct location and pin holes are down. Please note: ShortPads should be positioned between the top of the patient's head and the thighs. Secure the safety straps leaving some slack as the extra slack will decrease when the device is inflated
- Position the surface to be transferred to next to the patient's bed or gurney at same level or slightly lower. Ensure wheels are locked before beginning the transfer. Raise side rails on receiving side.
- Attach the hose from the air canister to the AirPal. If the patient weighs in excess of 250 lbs., use two canisters. Plug in, push the power button to inflate the mattress.
- When fully inflated, pull the patient towards you on the receiving surface. Be sure to stand close to the side of the bed or gurney to keep patient safe. If repositioning, with a staff member on each side gently move patient up in bed. Before deflating, be sure to center the patient on the receiving surface. ***The AirPal moves easily so be sure not to use excess force. Also, never leave patient alone on a fully inflated mattress.

Please Note: AirPals and Air Matts are reusable. Wipe the down with germicidal wipes between transfers. If heavily soiled, place in a clear bag and drop off at a designated site for special cleaning. Do not dispose of.

Z-Slider



Orange sheet used for lateral transfers and repositioning. It is placed between the bed sheet and draw sheet. With arrow pointing in direction of move.

Single patient use only. Disposable.

Available through eProcurement— Item ID: 50208833

Instructions:

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.

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.

Caution: Unless actively transferring or repositioning, do NOT leave the Z-Slider under a patient.

Comfort Glide

eProcurement Item IDs:

575 LB Sheet- 50200939

Wedge- 50200937

1000 LB Sheet- 50207550



REPOSITIONING

- While on each side of the bed, each caregiver should grasp the Comfort Glide and simultaneously slide the patient up in the bed to the desired position.

LATERAL TRANSFER

- While on each side of the beds and one caregiver gently pulls the Comfort Glide 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.

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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 kneepad.
- 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.

Sit-to-Stand Lifts



Used to transfer patients in a seated position from bed, to chair, to wheelchair to commode.

Patient should be able to follow commands and bear weight on one leg. It can be used with amputees

Weight Capacity: On boom— 600 lbs.

Instructions:

- The disposable, one-size-fits all sling should fit snugly around the patient's waist and below the breasts on women.
- Place patient's foot/feet on the foot rest with the pad against their shins.
- Choose the same loop on each side of the sling and secure on the hooks of the lift.
- Lock the wheels and stand next to the patient during the lift. Using the hand control, raise the patient only until their buttocks clears the surface. Then, unlock the wheels and move the patient to the new location. Lock wheels and lower the patient.

Car Extractor

Used to lift and move patients into and out of nearly any vehicle,- compact automobile to a fire/emergency van.



Weight Capacity: 475 lbs.

Instructions:

- Place Care Belt around patient's back, under arms, and fasten buckle at abdomen. Tighten by pulling on straps near buckle.
- Place second belt under patient's thighs above knees and fasten buckle on top and tighten..
- Lower the boom on the Car Extractor enough to clear the car roof by pushing the "Down" button on the hand control.
- Position boom into vehicle in front of patient. Position hanger bar to be parallel to the patient's shoulders. Lock brakes.
- Connect shortest loops possible from both belts to hanger bar.
- Raise the boom by pushing the "Up" button on the hand control, enough to raise the patient from the car seat.
- Rotate patient/ so feet and legs are facing the exterior of the car.
- Pull the extractor backwards as you guide the patient's feet out the door. Have a second person in the car support the patient's head. Place patient into a wheelchair, on a stretcher, similar device for transportation..

Slings/Belts: The blue care belts are wipeable. Please do not discard. **eProcurement Item IDs for disposable:**

Medium: 50242041 Large: 50242042

Total Lifts



Instructions:

- Choose from 4 sizes of disposable, patient specific slings based on patient's body weight distribution: M (yellow), L (green), XL (purple) = 660 lbs. weight capacity. XXL (white) = 1100 lbs. weight capacity
- Place the bottom center of the sling ** even with the patient's tailbone.(lean patient forward in seated position or log roll on the sling in a supine position).Then, slide leg straps under the patient's legs criss-crossing the straps through the loop closest to their body.
- With hanger bar arms parallel to the patient's arms, use the same loops on each side to attach the sling to the hooks closest to the loop. Adjust the position: Seated-choose the loops closest to shoulders and furthest from hips. Recline- loops farthest from the shoulders and closer to hips.
- Never 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.

Please Note:

Keep the floor lifts plugged in when not in use so that the battery will stay charged. Cycle up and down occasionally to exercise the battery. If the lifts don't work, first check to see if the red manual stop switch is in the off position. For emergency lowering on white and blue total lifts, use the crank under black case on the mast.

Ceiling Track Lifts

Use for same patients as Total Lift. However, the ceiling lift only works under the rail system.

Weight Capacity: 770 lbs

Instructions

- Utilizes the same patient specific disposable slings as the Total Lift. And sling placement is the same .
- With the hanger bar across the patient's chest, use the same loops on each side to attach the sling to the hanger bar.
- Raise the patient. Once lifted, move to the new location and lower the patient in place.

Please Note:

Ceiling lifts are continuous charge. They should be cycled up and down occasionally to exercise the battery. If the lift is not working, check to see if the red strap has been pulled. If so, carefully push in the reset button. And push the hand control button a couple of times to restart.

The slings are disposable and patient specific. Use them either until the sling is soiled or the patient is discharged. Then, cut off the straps and discard. Please do not launder!

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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