

SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*

Lateral Transfer; Repositioning

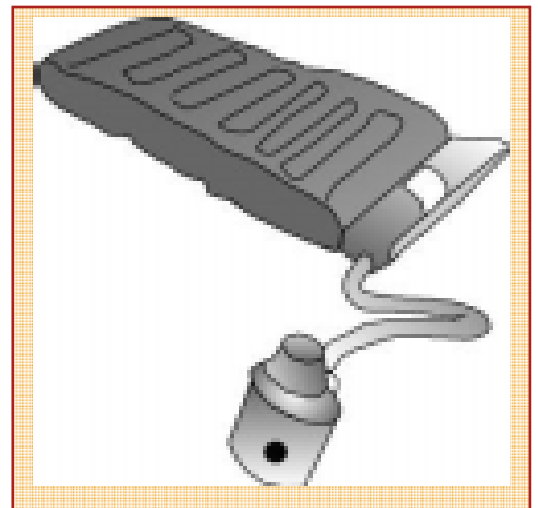
Activity: Resident Handling

Description: Air-assist lateral sliding aid; flexible mattress inflated by portable air supply

When to Use: Transferring a partial or non-weight bearing resident between two horizontal surfaces such as a bed to stretcher or gurney in supine position. Can also be used for repositioning a resident in bed. Increases resident's comfort and reduces risk of tissue damage during transfer.

Points to Remember: Two caregivers are required to perform this type of transfer. Additional assistance may be needed depending on resident status, e.g., for heavier or non-cooperative residents. Ensure wheels on equipment are locked.

Ensure transfer surfaces are at level and at a height that allows caregivers to work at waist level to avoid extended reaches and back flexion. Count down and synchronize the transfer motion between caregivers.



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