

## **Bathing Equipment Algorithm** START: STOP: Refer to Care Plan or No Is patient perform further assessment cooperative to determine best option Yes Can patient No follow directions? Yes Supervised assistance as Can patient needed. Use Does patient Yes step over a No equipment as require assist tub/shower needed (bath to transfer? threshold? seat, grab Can patient sit bars, etc.) and Yes No reposition self while holding onto Can patient Can patient sit appropriate maintain a safe unsupported No No No equipment? Perform Bed Bath position on and reposition bathing self in sitting? equipment? Yes Yes Yes Use Bath Transfer Can patient Yes Bench, Bath Board, take steps? Shower Commode, Use Lift Bath Trolley, Tilt Shower Lift Hygiene Chair Chair, Shower Trolley, or Total Lift or Shower Cabinet onto Bath Chair Insert (if floor No level under tub and/or no tipping Use Shower Commode, hazard for floor lift use) or sling or Lift Hygiene Chair or bath\*\*

**Shower Cabinet** 

<sup>\*</sup>This algorithm is to be used as a guideline only and should not replace clinical reasoning and assessment, including environmental factors (e.g., tub/shower set-up). A hands-on assessment should be done with any new piece of equipment.

<sup>\*</sup>The weight capacity of equipment should be checked prior to use.

<sup>\*</sup> A more supportive method of bathing/equipment may be required if a particular piece of bathing equipment is not available at your site.

<sup>\*</sup> Refer to manufacturer's equipment guidelines.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sling bath may only be considered if all other supported bathing equipment is not appropriate/available.