

Description of Task: Surface to surface (eg. Bed/stretcher/table, etc hard board.	c.) transf	er using 3 full length slider sheets and			
Position/Job:2 or more Healthcare Workers (HCW's)	Department/Unit: All patient care areas				
Potential Hazards		Personal Protective Equipment Required			
Risk for Injury (check all that apply)	Specify Type, Manufacturer, Model				
☐ Biological (puncture/spill/splash/exposure)		Head Protection:			
☐ Caught In/Under/Between Wall, Equipment		Eye Protection:			
☐ Chemical/Hazardous Substance/Medication		Hearing Protection:			
☐ Contact with Hot/Cold Object/Substance		Face Protection:			
☐ Contact with Sharp Object (not biological)		Hand Protection:			
☐ Electrical		Foot Protection:			
☐ Falling or moving equipment/material		Respirator/Fit Test:			
☐ Moving machinery / parts		Body Protection:			
		Hi Visibility Apparel:			
		Other:			
☐ MSI-Repetitive motions	Equipr	nent and/or tools required to perform			
	task				
□ Noise	-1	r Sheets, extension strap or equivalent,			
☐ Surfaces/Objects causing slips, trip or falls		pard, training on how to insert slider			
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	precautions if required				
	For machine operation tasks complete the following				
☐ Working Alone or in Isolation	Machii	ne Description and Safety Features: N/a			
☐ Working at Heights					
☑ Other: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury					
(MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness,					
numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength					
in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.					
Patient/Client/Resident Related Tasks - be knowledgeable of	Patient/Client/Resident Related Tasks - be knowledgeable of Set-up and maintenance of this equipment				
patient specific hazards (CARE Alert, Falls Risk, Patient Handling	to be performed by trained/authorized staff				
Assessment, Isolation Precautions, etc.)	following the manufacturer's manual.				
Training and Proficiency:					
Staff who perform this task must be trained as indicated below in this safe work procedure prior to performing it.  Training must be documented. This SWP must be available to staff.					
□Read Procedure and Sign □Other Required Training:					
☑Demonstrated Competency					
Responsibilities					



Manager/Supervisor or Designate: Ensure all staff are trained and that duties are performed in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations, guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures).

Staff performing task: Perform task in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations, guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures). Follow process for reporting hazards, injuries, occurrences and patient safety events.

Approved by	Original Effective Date	Revised Effective Date	Reviewed Date
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This safe work procedure was created by Provincial MSIP Safe Work Procedure group, and will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years from the last revision date.

### **Notes/Other Considerations:**

More than 2 staff may be required if:

- Greater than minimal assistance is required by each HCW. Additional procedures and/or equipment may be required (eg. Mechanical lift, repositioning sling)
- o Low or high muscle tone is present
- o Behavior interferes with care
- o Patient care equipment or devices are being used (e.g. casts, I.V. poles)
- o Recent surgery or fracture. (e.g. hip precautions) etc.
- Ensure brakes are engaged on bed. Place the surface flat and position at the waist height of the shortest person. If available, lift siderail on opposite side, otherwise have a third HCW positioned on opposite side. HCWs on same side will position the hard board between the two sliders until it meets resistance.



HCW #1 and #2 are positioned at the patient's hip and shoulder on the same side. Use a wide base of support with one foot in front of the other. Use one hand to hold the top slider and other to grab outer edge/handle of hard board. Angle the hard board slightly downwards toward the mattress. At the same time HCWs will weight shift from back foot to front to insert the hard board underneath the patient.



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3	To completely position the hardboard under the patient, HCW #2 will stand on opposite side of bed and pull the hard board while HCW#1 holds the top slider.
4	Insert extension straps (or substitute) through the hard board and loops of top slider only at the level of the shoulder and hip. Larger and/or taller patients can also have an extension strap at the knee as needed.
5	Place a third slider on the receiving surface and position bed next to receiving surface. Adjust receiving surface so that it is slightly lower. Ensure brakes are engaged on the bed.
6	Ensure any equipment (pump/tube etc.) attached to patient is moved to receiving surface prior to transfer.
7	Use wide base of support with one foot in front of the other. HCW #1 (left in photo) will place one hand on the patient's shoulder and the other hand on the patient's hip. HCW #2 (right in photo) can assist by grasping the extension straps near the shoulder and hip
8	Ask the patient to cross their arms if able. When both HCWs are in the correct position, they will move at the same time. Ensure proper weight shift. HCW #1 pushes the patient towards HCW #2, HCW #2 pulls extension straps to slide patient onto receiving surface.



9	Separate surfaces, HCW#2 removes extension straps. HCW#1 holds onto the top slider, HCW#2 pulls onto the hard board slider to remove it from under the patient. Transfer patient back to the bed by repeating steps 3-8. Remove slider sheets and hard board after the patient is transferred back to the bed. Slider sheets are always removed before the HCWs leave the bedside.				
Related	Note: This task will be monitored periodically to ensure compliance and safety. This safe work procedure				
Materials:	vill be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years from the last revision date.				
References	:				