











# SWP-SPH-REPOSITIONING SLING WITH OVERHEAD LIFT

Description of Task: Repositioning of patient with an overhead lift and repositioning sling	
Position/Job: Minimum of 2 HCWs	Department/Unit: All patient care areas
<b>Potential Hazards</b>	<b>Personal Protective Equipment Required</b>
<i>Risk for Injury (check all that apply)</i>	<i>Specify Type, Manufacturer, Model</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological (puncture/spill/splash/exposure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Caught In/Under/Between Wall, Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical/Hazardous Substance/Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact with Hot/Cold Object/Substance	<input type="checkbox"/> Face Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact with Sharp Object (not biological)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Falling or moving equipment/material	<input type="checkbox"/> Respirator/Fit Test:
<input type="checkbox"/> Moving machinery / parts	<input type="checkbox"/> Body Protection:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSI-Awkward / sustained postures	<input type="checkbox"/> Hi Visibility Apparel:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSI-Forceful exertions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSI-Repetitive motions	<b>Equipment and/or tools required to perform task</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	Overhead lift, repositioning sling, training in how to insert a sling. Appropriate footwear for HCW. Isolation precautions if required
<input type="checkbox"/> Surfaces/Objects causing slips, trip or falls	
<input type="checkbox"/> Task requires more than 1 worker	
<input type="checkbox"/> Violent, Aggressive or Reactive Behaviours	<b>For machine operation tasks complete the following</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Working Alone or in Isolation	Machine Description and Safety Features:
<input type="checkbox"/> Working at Heights	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Infection Transmission	
Patient/Client/Resident Related Tasks - be knowledgeable of patient specific hazards (CARE Alert, Falls Risk, Patient Handling Assessment, Isolation Precautions, etc.)	<i>Set-up and maintenance of this equipment is only to be performed by trained/authorized staff following the manufacturer's manual.</i>
<b>Training and Proficiency:</b>	
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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Read Procedure and Sign	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Required Training: <i>Specify</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated Competency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watched Video
<b>Responsibilities</b>	
<b>Manager/Supervisor or Designate:</b> 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).	<b>Staff performing task:</b> 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.

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Approved by	Original Effective Date	Revised Effective Date	Reviewed Date
Provincial Workplace Safety & Health Working Group	October 2021	October 2021	January 2022
This safe work procedure was created by The Provincial Workplace Safety and Health MSIP Subcommittee 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.			
<b>Notes/Other Considerations:</b>			
<p>Prior to each use, ensure that the overhead lift is in proper working order and that the battery is sufficiently charged. Inspect the slings for signs of damage prior to use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More than 2 staff may be required if:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Greater than minimal assistance is required by each HCW</li><li>○ Low or high muscle tone is present</li><li>○ Behaviour interferes with care</li><li>○ Patient care equipment or devices are being used (e.g. casts, I.V. poles)</li><li>○ Recent surgery or fracture. (e.g. hip precautions) etc.</li></ul></li></ul>			
<b>Steps to be taken to complete task safely:</b> (This is a clear description in order of steps to follow to safely perform the task. This section may include pictures, diagrams, do's and don'ts, etc.)			
<b>1a</b>	With the repositioning sling centered under patient and head supported, HCWs are positioned on opposite sides of bed. Ensure the bed is at waist height of the shortest person and apply brakes.		
			
<b>1b</b>	Position the ceiling track lift directly over the patient. The spreader bar is aligned over patient based on patient's care plan. Lower the spreader bar so that the repositioning sling can be easily attached to the lift.		
			
<b>1c</b>	Choose appropriate loops based on patient's size and intended position. Securely attach all loops to spreader bar. Ensure colours of loops match on both sides of spreader bar.		
			
	<b>Use of A Repositioning Sling – To Move Patient Up in Bed</b>		

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<b>2a</b>	HCW #1 and HCW#2 are positioned on opposite sides of the bed. HCW #1 uses the controller to raise the patient just enough to clear the bed surface. HCWs ensure that the patient is properly positioned and comfortable in the repositioning sling before continuing with the task. Once tension is applied to the strap, ensure that loops remain securely attached to hanger bar.	
<b>2b</b>	With elbows tucked in and wrists straight, HCWs gently guide the patient along the track to the desired position on the bed. If unable to position patient with track, move the bed to the desired position.	 
<b>2c</b>	HCW #1 uses the controller to lower the patient onto the bed then both HCWs unhook sling from lift. Tuck straps or additional material underneath mattress.	
<b>Use of a Repositioning Sling – To Turn Patient onto Side</b>		
<b>3a</b>	Repeat Step 2a and raise patient just enough to clear bed surface. With elbows tucked in and wrist straight using a weight shift with hips and knees bent, HCWs gently guide patient along the track to a position closer to one side of the bed. If unable to position patient with track, move the bed to the desired position. Lower patient on the desired side of the bed.	
<b>3b</b>	To turn the patient onto their side, unhook the sling loops on the side that the patient is turning towards. Use the controller to raise one side of the patient, the repositioning sling will slowly turn the patient onto their side. Both HCWs will ensure patient is properly positioned and comfortable during the turn.	 
<b>3c</b>	Once in the desired positioned, use the controller to lower the lift to unhook sling straps. Tuck straps or additional material underneath mattress. Ensure patient is positioned as per patient care plan.	
<b>Related Materials:</b>		
<b>References:</b>		