


SWP-SPH-TWO PERSON ASSIST REPOSITIONING SLING INSERTION/REMOVAL IN LYING




Description of Task: Insertion/Removal of Repositioning sling with patient lying on bed			
Position/Job: 2 or more Healthcare Workers (HCW's)		Department/Unit: All patient care areas	
Potential Hazards		Personal Protective Equipment Required	
	<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 type="checkbox"/>	MSI-Repetitive motions	Equipment and/or tools required to perform task	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise	2 slider sheets or 1 large tube slider	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surfaces/Objects causing slips, trip or falls	1 appropriately sized repositioning sling	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Task requires more than 1 worker	Training how to insert slider(s)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Violent, Aggressive or Reactive Behaviours	For machine operation tasks complete the following	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working Alone or in Isolation	Machine Description and Safety Features: N/a	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working at Heights		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 specific hazards (CARE Alert, Falls Risk, Patient Handling Assessment, Isolation Precautions, etc.)		Set-up and maintenance of this equipment is only to be performed by trained/authorized staff 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.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Read Procedure and Sign		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Required Training:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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,		Staff performing task: Perform task in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations, guidelines, policies	

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guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures).		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
Provincial Workplace Safety & Health Working Group		April 2022	April 2022
			Reviewed Date
			January 2022
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 2 HCWs may be required if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater than minimal assistance is required by each HCW. Low or High Muscle Tone is present Patient care equipment or devices are being used (e.g. Casts, I.V. poles) Recent surgery or fracture If behavior interferes with care, alternate procedures and/or equipment may be required <p>Note: Inspect the sling for signs of damage prior to use. Whenever possible, place the repositioning sling when the bed is not occupied by patient</p>			
Steps to be taken to complete task safely			
1	Place bed flat. Ensure brakes are applied and lower side rails. Position bed at waist height of shortest HCW.		
2	<p>HCWs stand on opposite sides of bed with sliders in place under patient. HCWs gathers the head and foot ends of the repositioning sling and positions it in between the two sliders at the patient's head. Slide foot end of repositioning sling under patient's head and shoulders and ensure the head end of repositioning sling is in line with top of patient's head.</p> <div data-bbox="643 1398 1443 1656" data-label="Image">  </div>		

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3	<p>Both HCWs turn to face the head of the bed with wide base of support, one leg in front of the other. Together, HCWs grasp top slider with outside hand and pull tight, while grasping foot end of sling. HCWs shift weight from front to back foot to pull sling between sliders in sections ensuring there are minimal wrinkles.</p> 
4	Adjust sling position as necessary. Remove slider(s).
	<p>TO REMOVE SLING:</p> <p>Place a single slider sheet onto bed before lowering patient using lift. Insert second slider sheet between sling and patient using folding/unfolding method. Use method above to remove sling.</p>
<p>NOTE: If there are no increased skin integrity concerns, the following alternative method for sling removal may be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCWs stand on opposite side of bed facing foot of bed with wide base of support, one foot in front of the other. One hand grasps leg strap with other hand stabilizing sling. • Tuck leg strap underneath itself and guide towards head of bed. HCWs communicate and shift weight from front to back leg at the same time while guiding leg strap. Repeat until sling is removed. 	
Related Materials:	<p>Note: This task will be monitored periodically to ensure compliance and safety. This safe work procedure will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years from the last revision date.</p>
References:	