SWP-SPH-LATERAL TRANSFER WITH ROLLERBOARD



Description of Task: Surface to surface (e.g. bed/stretcher/table etc.) transfer using 1 Rollerboard Position/Job: 2 or more Healthcare Workers (HCWs) 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: Falling or moving equipment/material Respirator/Fit Test: Moving machinery / parts Body Protection: MSI-Awkward / sustained postures Hi Visibility Apparel: MSI-Forceful exertions Other: MSI-Repetitive motions Equipment and/or tools required to perform task Noise 1 roller board (such as Samarit Rollerboard™), 1 draw sheet
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☐ Task requires more than 1 worker
☐ Violent, Aggressive or Reactive Behaviours For machine operation tasks complete the following
☐ Working Alone or in Isolation Machine Description and Safety Features:
☐ Working at Heights
☐ Other:
Patient/Client/Resident Related Tasks - be knowledgeable Set-up and maintenance of this equipment is only to be
of patient specific hazards (CARE Alert, Falls Risk, Patient performed by trained/authorized staff following the
Handling Assessment, Isolation Precautions, etc.) 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: Specify
□ Demonstrated Competency
Responsibilities Manager/Supervisor or Designate: Ensure all staff are Staff performing task: Perform task in accordance to
trained and that duties are performed in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations,
training, established health and safety regulations, guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe
guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures). Follow process for reporting hazards,
work procedures). injuries, occurrences and patient safety events.
Approved by Original Effective Date Revised Effective Date Reviewed Date Provincial Workplace Safety & Health Working July 2019 July 2019 January 2022
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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.

Notes/Other Considerations:

- More HCWs may be required if:
 - Greater than minimal assistance is required by each HCW. Additional procedures and/or equipment may be required
 - o Low or High Muscle Tone is present
 - 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.
- If behavior interferes with care, alternate procedures and/or equipment may be required

Steps to be taken to complete task safely

Place the surfaces flat and position at the waist height of the shortest person. Ensure brakes are engaged. HCW #2 prepares roller board by wrapping approximately 1/3 of a drawsheet or full length sheet around the width of the board. The sheet should extend past the edge of the roller board. The remaining portion of the sheet will hang freely.



2 HCW#1 pushes/rolls patient towards HCW#2 by shifting weight up and forward. Other HCWs available assist with pushing patient.

HCW#2 maintains patient in place while HCW#1 positions roller board underneath patient with excess sheet on top towards receiving surface.

The shoulders, trunk, and hip(s) should be in contact with the roller board. HCWs roll patient onto their back on top of the roller board.



- Place both surfaces together with brakes engaged and the receiving surface slightly lower. Minimize space between surfaces. Ensure that excess sheet lies across the receiving surface. HCWs are positioned on opposite sides of the beds.
- 4 Ensure any equipment (pump/tube etc.) attached to patient is moved to receiving surface prior to transfer.
- HCWs stand on either side of the bed with wide base of support and 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 edges of the draw sheet. Additional HCWs, if needed, can be positioned at the head or feet.



Ask the patient to cross their arms across their chest. When both HCWs are in the correct position, they will weight shift at the same time. HCW #1 pushes patient with hands on shoulder and hip towards HCW #2. HCW #2 pulls on draw sheet board towards themselves.



7 HCWs remove original surface and position themselves on either side of the receiving surface. Roll patient into side lying. HCW #1 maintains side lying position while HCW#2 removes roller board. HCWs then roll patient onto their back.

Related Materials:

References: