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Hello,

As the Health & Safety Manager of a non-profit organization that supports people with disabilities (6 weeks old to retirement; providing education, enrichment and employment programs), I am always on the lookout for trainings that will target specific job tasks (i.e., patient handling).

Any training(s), specific to an employees job duties, give them knowledge to help work safer to help reduce and/or prevent injury to themselves, as well as the individuals we support.

Many individuals we support require assistance transferring (i.e., bed to chair, chair to chair, floor to chair, walking, etc). The draft of the Safe Patient Handling & Movement Principles video was great; it really targets equipment use, ergonomics, assessing the patients needs before giving assistance (using the right type of equipment for the individual needs of the person), etc.

In the past, I have found it difficult to find trainings appropriate and specific that staff "can relate to"; espeically patient handling (hence, we have developed our own patient handling training (video, demonstration, group activities, etc). Safe Patient Handling and Movement Principles really captures the training needs of our employees, more so than any other training media I have seen.

In order to capture a larger/broader audience, could the training not just be targeted to nurses but also to folks working in group homes, home care professionals, adult day program professionals, special education teachers, teachers assistance, etc.? Or, list other professions, in the description of the training, that would benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. Great training!