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Comments

Since the design is for nursing students, more hospital examples should be used as the bulk of their clinicals occur in hospital, such as assisting patients in and out of vehicles, using full length slide boards with stretcher transfers, repositioning techniques up in bed, moving patient to side of bed, lateral turn using the safest mechanics.

Our reported injury rate is between 19-35 a quarter with the majority of injuries occurring with positioning and assistance in out of bed as well as stretcher transfer. I do not think we are unique. Please stress that the commonest task can cause injury when repeatedly done wrong. The technology portion was great - would like to see in video actual demo rather than still picture the product.

I was surprised that the weight of 350 was used for bariatric. Literature I have seen suggests over 200 pounds.

You may need to mention lift teams as well. Though we do not have this in our institution there is a lot of research that suggest places that have implemented this have particularly low injury rates. Team is two matched physically fit individuals responsible for moves with or without assist equipment.

Nursing students REALLY need this!!

Thank you,

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