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I applaud your efforts in putting together a very informative training program.

I can appreciate your need to limit the presentation to the nursing setting. I would have liked for the presentation to be more applicable to the emergency medical service providers who must handle patients in areas where mechanical lifting devices are often not feasible. I work with police and volunteer fire and medical services. We repeatedly see orthopedic injuries to our members due to handling of normal and bariatric patients during medical assist calls. My efforts to find a feasible solution to manually handling patients has not yielded any alternatives to manual lifting. I did find one product from Stryker EMS which may have some promise (see link).

<http://www.ems.stryker.com/transferflat.jsp>

Perhaps NIOSH could look into this area as well.

Thanks.

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