

M-140 Use of a Hoyer*/Hydraulic Lift

Purpose

Safely transfer clients who are unable to assist the caregiver or when moving the client without the lift would place the client and/or caregiver at risk of injury.

Applies To

Registered Nurses

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses

Other (*Identify*): _____

Equipment/Supplies

Hoyer/Hydraulic lift* (should include the base, mat or sling, and straps).

**The use of a specific brand name is intended to function as an example. It should not be mistaken as a product endorsement.*

Procedure

1. Wash hands. Refer to Hand Washing Procedure.
2. Explain the procedure to the client.
3. Place chair on side of bed and lock wheels, if using a wheelchair.
4. Place the client on the mat or sling by having the client roll to one side and placing the mat under client from shoulders to midhigh, then roll client to other side and position on the mat. Place canvas hammock or sling under the client's center of gravity and greatest portion of body weight. If the hammock seat is used, the hooks should face away from the client's skin.
5. Roll the base of the HOYER lift under the side of bed nearest to the chair. Open the base of the lift to widest point and Lock wheels on lift
6. Release the hydraulic valve to lower the bars to sling level, then close valve.
7. Attach chains or straps to holes in the sling. Short chains hook to top holes of sling; longer chains hook to bottom holes of sling.
8. Have the client fold arms over chest.
9. Using the jack handle, pump the jack enough for the mat to clear the bed about 6 inches and tighten the release valve.
10. Determine if client is fully supported and can maintain head support.
11. Unlock wheels and pull the lift straight back and away from the bed.
12. Move toward the chair with open end of the lift base straddling chair.
13. Lock wheels on lift.

14. Slowly lift up jack handle and lower client into chair until the hooks are slightly loosened.
15. Remove hooks and move lift away. Remove mat if able.

Documentation Guidelines

Document in the clinical record:

1. Procedure completed and indication for use of HOYER.
2. Client tolerance of procedure.
3. Teaching done on use of equipment and safety factors.

Related Procedures

None.

Policy History

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