



Safe Transfer / Heavy Transfer / Hoyer Lift Policies

Safe Transfer:

All patients who are only partially weight bearing, unable to bear weight on their own, or considered medically obese will be classified as heavy transfer. To ensure proper safety to both caregivers and patients, the following safety parameters will be set by a nurse to both family/client and caregivers. Instruction/education of proper body mechanics for CHHA, proper safety equipment in home to complete transfers, and/or 2 person transfer requirement as deemed necessary by RN. If patient and/or caregivers are unable to comply with set parameters, the patient must stay in bed and be repositioned as directed in nursing care plan. Caregivers are not to transfer patients by themselves if they do not feel comfortable or safety parameters are not met.

Hoyer Lift:

Due to the skill required to utilize a Hoyer Lift and the potential safety concerns associated with its operation by a single person, all cases requiring a Hoyer Lift will be recommended for 2 person assist only. A family member can be considered a second person assist if they are trained by a Physical Therapist. If a patient has no available friend or family and the client is unable to cover the cost for a second caregiver to assist, they must remain bedbound and be repositioned per care plan instruction.

Heavy Transfer:

Patients will be assessed by Company nursing staff to determine the level of safe transfer requirements for use by the caregiver in the home setting. If nursing deems a patient to be a heavy transfer (patient is unable to bear weight, or patient is considered medically obese) a 2 person transfer will always be recommended unless caregiver can demonstrate competency by transferring patient safely, consistently and independently.

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