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Comments
This draft is excellent. Now all we have to do is standardise this draft. It identifies hazards, assesses the risk and implements measures to control the risk. I am happy that at last someone has identified that patient manual handling is unsafe. Technology is the solution. We just have to change behaviour in management across organisations. I am a teacher/ Clinical Facilitator at The University of Wollongong NSW Australia. I teach and assess first second and third year nursing students. This draft should be also included in the Bachelor of Nursing curriculum in all Universities. This is how we can educate our future nurses and prevent such a high incidence of injury in our profession. I am a Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife. I have worked in this industry for 28 years. I am currently doing my Masters in Science majoring in Occupational Health and Safety at the University of Wollongong. This draft should be a best practice standard.
Regards Franca Razzino