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Comments

Good overview of main issues, I would suggest that more risk factors are addressed. Nursing staff may be given the impression that some transfer technique are safe and some are high risk. The truth being that all have risk factors attached to them, even using mechanical lifts. Some are very high risk - for the patient and the worker.

We have found that by-in is much greater when the patient is included in the safety picture. WorkSafe BC has been putting on courses very similar to this for the past 6 years, with much success in this sector. Some free books for download are available. The gh risk handling practices took a lot to get through on peer review, but it is sidely used and respected here in British Columbia. You may find it of interest. I have attached the link for your browser.

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Portals/HealthCare/Musculoskeletal.asp>

- 1) High-Risk Manual Handling of Patients in Healthcare
- 2) Patient Handling in Small Facilities: A Companion Guide to Handle with Care
- 3) Handle with Care: Patient Handling and the Application of Ergonomics (MSI) Requirements

Regards,

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