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Comments

Essentially very well done and emphasizes nursing judgment rather than just specific body mechanic principles. There are general guidelines to be followed but typically these guidelines are not followed due to poor staffing and time constraints in most clinical settings. Your document provides an excellent overview of the most up-to-date research and new technology/equipment.

One principle I would like to question is that you stated a mechanical/sling floor lift can be done w/one person. Most past research guidelines have specifically stressed at least 2-3 people are required for safe transfer. Students who have yet to develop adequate clinical judgment may be putting themselves in a very unsafe situation. They are yet unable to differentiate patient needs r/t mental status, ability to cooperate, follow direction, etc.

The inserted video guide to equipment was helpful re new available options...a bit long. Sound also was at times garbled.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your much needed research.