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Comments

Include mention of the science based shear and compression forces to the spine during patient handling tasks.

Important to mention the benefits to the patient such as decreased falls, decreased combative behavior, and less skin shear.

These algorithms are very subjective due to lack of a formalized assessment tool. Perhaps mention several assessment tools that other organizations have developed to determine upper body strength, hip flexor strength. I am thinking in particular of ones such as bridging, straight leg lifting, being able to sit upright without support.