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A Prospective, Observational Study of a Novel Lift-Compatible Safe Patient Handling Support Surface in the Intensive Care Unit

- The aim of this study was to evaluate exertion, patient and caregiver-centric capabilities, workflow integration, and financial benefits of a hybrid lift-compatible safe patient handling and mobility support surface (LC-SPHM-SS).
- The experimental device is an ergonomically designed turning and positioning system indicated for repositioning, vertical and lateral transfers, and pressure and shear redistribution in the bed and the chair developed by Molnlycke Healthcare.
- The study was conducted in 3 ICUs. Data was collected from users of the technology who assessed it on 20 separate areas.
- Most SPHM tasks were accomplished with 1-2 caregivers.
- Participants rated the device favorably for 7 caregiver-centric and 3 patient centric features
- Participants rated the device as excellent or good for 6 product-focused features. Eight SPHM devices were replaced by the hybrid LC-SPHM-SS.
- The device is an option to purchase in a SPHM Toolbox to prevent pressure ulcers and shear.

The Importance of Effective Leadership in Implementing a Successful Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Program

- This article examines the role of the SPHM Facility Champion, the challenges the person in that role experiences, the skills required for them to be successful, and the common mistakes SPHM leaders make and how they can avoid them.
- The concept of Horizontal Leadership (leadership that is not granted through the traditional organizational hierarchy) is discussed, particularly its relevance to leading a multi-professional initiative such as a SPHM program.
- 10 common mistakes leaders make are identified, with 5 mistakes examined in detail
- Soft skills are often overlooked when employing a leader and the question is asked whether the SPHM lead should have a greater knowledge in the subject area, or have the more transferable soft skills that can be applied to any project or change.

Round Table Discussion: The Role of the Insurance Industry in Providing a Safe Healthcare Employee Environment

- The discussion took place between 3 experts in the field of staff safety and workers compensation.
- The 3 types of workers compensation are defined.
- The influence of insurers, and expectations they have of healthcare facilities to maintain staff safety are discussed.

TEAM MOBILITY Summit 2022: A Practical Approach to Partnership in the Early Mobility/SPHM Industry

- The article takes the reader through the 2 day Early Mobility Summit that was held in Fort Myers, Florida in April.
- It looks at the positive approach to vendor participation.
- The way forward is identified including articles that are currently being written for publication in a variety of journals.

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