How to Use Slider Sheets

Which patients require slider sheets?

- Those who require assistance with repositioning in bed including: boosting, turning or straightening.
- Those who weight 200 lbs or less. Those exceeding this weight can be safely repositioned using a repositioning sling.

How to make a bed with slider sheets

- Use a fitted bottom slider sheet and a top slider sheet.
- Top sheet needs to be positioned under patient's/resident's shoulders and hips.
- Tuck top sheet under mattress when not using for repositioning.



Soaker pads are **NOT** for repositioning!



- -Up to 60% less force required to reposition using slider sheets compared to regular fitted sheet and soaker pad combination.
- -Slider sheets \downarrow your risk of injury.
- -Soaker pads are for absorbing incontinence and bodily fluids only!

How to boost a patient using slider sheets





Adjust bed height to a safe working height (approx. hip height)

Step 2



One staff on either side of bed with top sheet untucked and bedrails down

Step 3



Use a palms up grip with knuckles always sliding against the mattress.

Step 4



Use a parallel stance, bend your knees and be close to the bed

Step 5



Keep your elbows against your trunk and use your legs to power the move. Count "1-2-3-slide."

How to turn a patient using slider sheets

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4





Put both bedrails up on side patient will be turned to.
Position a pillow by the top rail near patient's head.

2 staff on same side of bed with height of bed adjusted appropriately.
Use a stride stance with your knees bent. Palms up grip.

Bend and straighten your legs to gain momentum. Count "1-2-3-turn." Pull the patient toward you first, then transition directly to step 4 in a fluid motion.

Push up with your legs to power the turn. Lean forward by bending at the hips to stay close to the patient.

Your elbows shouldn't have left your sides when the patient is turned to their side. This helps to protect your shoulders.