

Miscellaneous Patient-related Topics

Safety in Transferring Patients

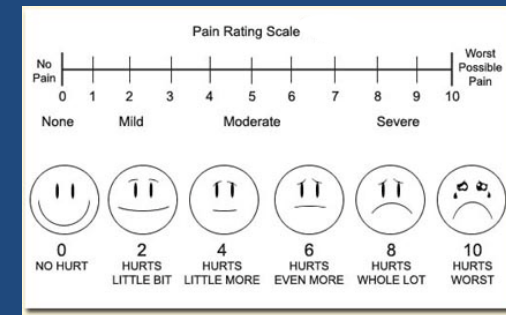
- Use proper body mechanics when transferring (lifting) patients and ask for assistance as needed
- The following equipment may need to be used when transferring (lifting) patients
 - Transfer Boards
 - Hoyer Lifts
 - Gate Belts



Refer to UF Health St. Johns I-REHAB-Safe Patient Handling & Movement

Assessing & Reporting Patient's Pain

- If you observe a patient showing signs of pain, such as crying, clenched jaw, kicking, or other signs, it is your responsibility to assess the patient's pain level using approved pain scales referenced in *I-NUR-GEN-Pain Assessment & Management Policy*.
- Once you have assessed the patient's pain level, it is your responsibility to report this information immediately to the patient's nurse.



Rapid Response Team Procedure

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- When a patient's condition appears to be progressively deteriorating, staff members, patients and/or families can directly request additional assistance from a specially trained healthcare team called a Rapid Response Team (RTT) to provide an early response to the patient's progressively deteriorating condition.
 - Dial extension 4070 using patient's bedside phone to notify the RTT
 - The RTT will come to the patient's bedside to evaluate the patient's situation, provide care and obtain additional support as needed

Reference UF Health St. Johns I-NUR-CCU-Rapid Response Team Policy