

Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Toolkit – Tool 8c

To learn more about using this tool refer to the Section 8 in the Safe Patient Handling and Mobility: A Toolkit for Program Development 2025 at: <https://www.nvha.net/safe-patient-handling-and-mobility-toolkit/>

SPHM Post Implementation Audit Tool

Add Instructions for Use - include:

- Schedule for conducting audits
- Where to access audit forms
- Where to return completed audits
- How to use form e.g. 'Please complete the following survey when you observe and coach staff during unit safe patient handling & mobility walk-through or when you are performing a patient handling task.'

Questions? Contact the SPHM Program Coordinator (name & email/phone) at

Unit/Dept: _____

Date: _____

Shift: _____

**Audit completed by
(name):** _____

**Role in SPHM program
(e.g. unit champion/coach/
committee members/program
coordinator/other)** _____

RN/CNA/Therapist/Technician _____

Other please specify: _____

Patient Room # _____

Patient weight _____ **lbs**

Question (circle response):	Comments (Concerns, Problems, Recommendations, Positive Feedback)
A. Did the task require equipment (per patient handling algorithm)? 1 = Yes 2 = No	
B. Type of task performed 1 = Transfer e.g. bed to chair, chair to commode, etc. 2 = Lateral supine transfer (e.g. bed to gurney) 3 = Repositioning in bed 4 = Lifting/holding limbs 5 = Ambulation from bed or chair 6 = Other, describe	
C. Was equipment used? 1 = Yes 3 = Equipment not needed. 2 = No 4 = Should have been used, but was not (describe why not in comments)	

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D. What equipment was used? 1 = Ceiling Lift 2 = Floor Lift 3 = Sit to Stand 4 = Friction Reducing sheet or Air Assist device (<i>list devices available</i>) 5 = Other (please note) 6 = Equipment not needed																						
E. Was the equipment used properly? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Equipment not needed. <i>If equipment is not needed, skip to question 'I'</i>																						
F. Was a sling inspection conducted before performing the task? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Sling not needed. <i>If sling is not needed, then skip to question 'I'</i>																						
G. Was appropriate sling used? 1 = Yes 2 = No																						
H. Was correct sling size used? 1 = Yes 2 = No																						
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J. Was equipment cleaned if used on another patient? (e.g. Sit to Stand device/Floor Lift/wipeable belts or slings) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Not applicable																						
K. Was equipment working properly? (battery was charged; sling was not damaged etc) 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Equipment not needed.																						

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Observer Feedback (*circle response*)

1. Do you feel that the *SPM Program* is currently being accepted and used on this unit (primary staff involved)?
 Yes No

2. Since the last walk-through, have staff identified any problems or made any recommendations regarding the program?
 Yes No

If Yes, what have they identified?

3. Please offer any additional comments or concerns regarding the SPM Program or the interventions in space below.

Patient/Family Feedback (ask patient or family member following completion of lift, transfer or repositioning task)

Patient Feedback		Comments (Concerns, Problems, Recommendations, Positives)
Were you moved using equipment? 1 = Yes 2 = No		
Were you comfortable during the transfer? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to self-report.		
Did you feel safe during the transfer? 1 = Yes 2 = No		
Did you receive education about the equipment prior to its use? 1 = Yes 2 = No		

Comments
