

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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Question (circle response):	Comments (Concerns, Problems, Recommendations, Positive Feedback)
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	
I. Correct work practices were performed? (circle Y or N) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Performed patient mobility check/assessment (e.g. before a vertical transfer to/from bed to chair, chair to chair, etc.)? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N ii. Cleared workspace of clutter? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N iii. Assembled all equipment needed before starting lift/task? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N iv. Explained task to patient? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N v. Placed bed at correct work height for task? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N vi. Did not reach over raised bed rails? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N vii. Did not reach over midline of patient's body if logrolling? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N 	
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
