The Facts: Safe Patient Handling & Mobility

The healthcare industry is beginning to accept the reality that manually lifting patients is a high-risk activity for both healthcare worker and patient. Research supports using equipment for not only safety, but faster patient recovery.

23,000 lost-time cases of work-related pain are reported yearly in healthcare.1

+44% of cases are from healthcare support occupations such as nurses & aids.1

Safe Patient Handling Programs have shown success in decreasing incidence of injury for both nurses and patients.2

$45-$54 billion Annual impact of work-related MSDs3

Manual lifting techniques alone are not effective in reducing staff or patient injury.

Investment in SPH policies and equipment can be recovered in 2 to 5 years.

Patients feel more comfortable and secure when a mechanical device is used.

11 states have enacted safe patient handling laws, and more SPH legislation has been introduced at the federal and state levels.4

For more information on Safe Patient Handling and Mobility solutions, visit: www.biodex.com/sphm

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