



Lateral Transfer System **In-service Checklist**

System Overview

- What is Air-Matt and when is it to be used
- Used throughout hospital, patient can remain on mattress even during imaging
- If in MRI, air supply must be left outside the room, use specialty 25 ft air hose
- AMT Air Supply can stay right in the bag for quiet operation. Others.
- Use of the protective sheet

Positioning Patient on the Air-Matt

- Feet go at end where air supply connects keeping it quiet near the patients head
- Patients head is supported and feet can hang over the bottom if patient is tall
- Protective sheet covers mattress and is optional in use
- Safety straps are for “peace of mind” as patient will be cradled by the mattress
- Ideally Air-Matt is under the bed sheet when the patient first gets into their bed
- To place Air-Matt under a patient, use same log roll technique as changing a bed sheet
- With mattress laid out on flat surface, place sheet or sheets on mattress
- Roll one side of mattress toward center keeping note of where head end is
- Log roll patient, tuck rolled edge under patient, roll patient back and position mattress
- Secure safety straps such that they fit loose

Performing a Lateral Transfer

- We recommend two attendants be present for each transfer
- Always lock the wheels on both bed and gurney prior to performing a transfer
- Raise the bed rails so patient can not be pulled too far and off the edge
- Attach hose and turn on air supply letting mattress fully inflate (5-7 seconds)
- Grab handles and gently slide patient to new surface
- Moving feet first, then head to new surface requires less force than moving all at once
- Verify patient is centered on new surface before turning off air supply

Cleaning and Storage

- Same procedure as cleaning hospital mattresses and surfaces (germicidal cleaner)
- Mattress and cover sheet can also be laundered see user manual for details

Safety

- Never leave a patient unattended on an inflated air mattress
- Air-Matt was designed for short time operation. Do not leave on for long periods
- Always lock the wheels on both bed and gurney prior to performing a transfer
- Allowing someone to get onto an inflated mattress may cause damage