

Cooper University Hospital

Patient Information Sheet

"A SAFE LIFTING ENVIRONMENT"

At Cooper University Hospital, we want to make your stay as safe and comfortable as possible for you and your family.

In order to help ensure maximum safety, comfort and quality of care during your stay, we have instituted patient handling, repositioning and movement procedures that encompass:

- Introduction of advanced patient handling equipment, repositioning and rehabilitation aids.
- Adoption of new safe lifting guidelines designed to prevent injury to you as well as members of our clinical staff.
- Initiation of an awareness campaign to inform our patients, their loved ones, and hospital clinicians of the need to practice safe patient handling, repositioning and movement procedures at all times.

Please join us in supporting this important safety initiative by adhering to the following safety guidelines for patient handling and movement.

- Manual physical handling of patients is discouraged in all but exceptional medical emergencies or life threatening situations.
- Patient self-mobility and independence are encouraged whenever practical.
- Safe patient handling equipment, including electrically powered patient lifts and slide sheets, will be used to assist you in the event you are unable to assist yourself.
- Patients who are medicated, cannot follow directions, and/or who require physical assistance, may be required to be moved by the safe patient handling equipment.
- You or a loved one that speaks on your behalf have the right to refuse to use any patient handling equipment.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation!