

Implementing a Patient Bedside Mobility Assessment Tool for Nurses

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OVERVIEW

High-risk manual handling of patients continues as the standard practice among many direct patient care providers, contributing to caregiver injuries, and negatively impacting patient outcomes. Falls, functional decline, and pressure ulcers share two predisposing factors; older age, and low mobility. Better outcomes are achieved by using progressive early mobility and getting patients out of bed.

Using a standardized assessment tool to determine a patient's mobility status has potential to significantly impact patient outcomes. The Bedside Mobility Assessment Tool (BMAT) is a nurse-driven assessment of patient mobility. The nurse guides a patient through this four-step functional task sequence to identify the patient's capability. Finally, the tool recommends appropriate equipment to safely lift, transfer and mobilize the patient.

Numerous healthcare systems have implemented the BMAT with their acute care adult patients to minimize risk of injury for both caregivers and patients. One large integrated healthcare system experienced a significant reduction in workers' compensation claim costs after implementing this tool system wide.

TARGET AUDIENCE

CEOs, COOs, CFOs, CMOs, CNOs, Nursing Leadership, Risk Managers, Quality Directors, Occupational Health Providers and those responsible for patient and employee safety.

OBJECTIVES

- Key aspects to consider when assessing a person for transfer or mobility.

- Benefits of implementing a validated assessment tool.
- Best practices to minimize risk in patient mobility scenarios.

FACULTY

Merl Miller, MS, ATC, CIE, CPE currently serves as an ergonomist and injury prevention specialist with Performance Ergonomics, a company focused on providing solutions to improve the work environment, increase productivity and profitability while reducing work-related musculoskeletal injuries.

His work opportunities have allowed him to hold a variety of health and safety-related positions, including roles in occupational safety and health, risk management, and employee health and wellness. Merl is a leading expert in the field and holds the distinguished Certified Professional Ergonomist (CPE) credential.

Most recently, Merl worked within nonprofit Banner Health, the largest private employer in Arizona. As a consultant integrated within Banner's corporate services, he developed and implemented patient care ergonomics (e.g., safe patient handling and mobility practices) across the system of 24 acute care hospitals. He is co-author of the Banner Mobility Assessment Tool for nurses (BMAT), which relies on human factors principles in its design.

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