



ADJUSTABLE “HOSPITAL” BEDS

Provides maximum assistance to the bedridden patient in a home atmosphere. Patient or caregiver controls the height of the bed as well as the height of the head and knee.

PROCEDURE:

1. Bed is assembled in warehouse and electrical/mechanical parts are checked and documented.
2. Bed is delivered and set up by trained delivery personnel in room specified by patient or caregiver. Furniture is moved free of charge to accommodate new equipment.
3. Delivery personnel reviews orientation checklist to be sure patient and/or caregiver understands operation and function of bed.

OPERATION AND FUNCTION:

1. Hand Control:
 - a) Raises and lowers head of bed.
 - b) Raises and lowers knee of bed (manual foot adjustment bar is used to raise foot).
 - c) Raises and lowers entire bed (for ease in care of patient and bedding).
 - d) Attaches to bed or sheet for easy access by patient.
2. Junction Box:
 - a) Located at foot of bed.
 - b) Connects hand control with motors.
 - c) Patient lockout switch - prevents use of hand control.
3. Mattress Retainer:
 - a) Located at foot of frame.
 - b) Prevents mattress from sliding down when head is raised.
4. Bed Ends:
 - a) Provide connections for height adjustment rod to raise and lower bed.
 - b) Contain casters for easy movement of bed.
 - c) Provide stable base for trapeze or fracture frame.

CAUTION:

1. Side rails should always be used.
2. Never allow any liquid to spill on the bed. If any does, immediately unplug the bed and clean up the liquid.
3. Two of the bed wheels should have locks and should be engaged at all times.
4. Keep extremities away from moving parts - do not let any extremities extend over the side or between the bed rails.
5. Use lockout switch if patient should not be operating controls.
6. Be sure the manual crank is delivered with bed in case of power failure.
7. Never leave a physically challenged individual or child unattended in the bed. You should never place anything under the bed, including people. Always abide by the manufacturer's operational and safety guidelines. Only one person is allowed on the bed at one time. Each bed has a maximum weight limit, usually 450 pounds.

SAFETY: Use extra caution for mobility risks and risks of falling, including:

- A. **Poor Lighting:** Use of nightlights, flashlight by bedside, lamps or light switch that can easily be reached.
- B. **Poor Walk Spaces:** Fix loose floorboards, paint uneven floors, use wet floor signs, keep snow and ice cleared from entrances, ensure carpet is firmly attached to stairs, do not walk in stocking feet, and remove loose rugs, clutter, cords, and excess oxygen tubing (when applicable).
- C. **Equipment:** Replace worn or cracked walkers, crutches and cane tips; use colored oxygen tubing on light carpet; tighten loose handrails.
- D. **Bathroom:** Install grab bars, use bath mats with suction cups, and use elevated toilet seat.
- E. **Medications:** Be aware of medications that may cause dizziness, drowsiness, and unsteadiness.

CLEANING: Follow procedures for Control of Dirty and Contaminated DME.