



Pediatric Patient Safety

All efforts should be taken to ensure the safety of patients including, but not limited to:

- Ensuring that all treating clinicians are aware of and adhering to all precautions and contraindications for each patient that they are treating.
- Ensuring that all treating clinicians are aware of and adhering to patient goals.
- Ensuring that the appropriate level of assistance is always provided, including the number of staff available to assist/supervise, during transfers, standing, ambulation, and any applicable treatment activities
- Ensuring that all treating clinicians are aware of and adhering to precautions and contraindications of any physical agent modality or treatment techniques.
- Ensuring that the patient is under the supervision of the therapist, clinic staff, or caregiver at all times.
- At the end of the treatment session, patients should always be left with their caregiver, if applicable.
- When indicated, gait belts should be used whenever a therapy patient is shifting ANY weight from the bed/wheelchair to the lower extremities (i.e.: not required for bed mobility, positioning, splinting, etc.) unless clinically inappropriate to do so because of feeding tube, wound, abdominal/lumbar/thoracic incision, etc.
- Leg rests should be used whenever a patient is transported via wheelchair to avoid entrapment of the lower extremities under the chair.
- Ensure patients are wearing the appropriate footwear before any patient care is initiated involving weight-bearing. Do not stand, transfer, or ambulate a patient without appropriate footwear.
- Locking mechanisms for wheelchairs and/or beds should be used whenever a patient is transferring to/from the surface or sitting at the edge for activities.
- Employees must complete proper training regarding use of mechanical lifts prior to assisting with operation. Knowing the patient's current level of functional mobility is necessary to ensure safe set up / transfers when using a mechanical lift. Never perform mechanical lift transfers without the assistance of at least 2 individuals.
- When an incident/accident occurs involving a patient, the CTS incident reporting form will be completed immediately and sent to the Corporate Office/Area Director, in addition to any other forms required of the facility.

Employee Signature

Date

Printed Name