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Bariatric Admission checklist for patients > 500lbs

Bed placement will initiate a “Hard stop” for all admission > 500 lbs.

Careful coordination of DH resources must be in place to be able to provide safe patient care.

1. Key Planning/Response Team (Add contact numbers)

* Initial assessment team
  + House Supervisor
  + Administrative Medical Director
  + Care Management
  + Safety and Environmental Programs
  + ED/DHART/EMS Transporter
  + Unit leadership
  + Transportation/Inventory and Logistics
* Clinical Support Team
  + Charge and assigned nurse
  + Other medical support specialists
  + Transportation
  + Inventory & Logistics
  + Wound Care
  + Rehab Medicine
  + Engineering

1. Critical Initial Information:

* Patient specifics : Consider running the patient handling plan protocol
* Height
* Weight
* Width/girth
* Handling limitations
* Method of transport to DHMC
* Reception Location - Identify arrival location i.e. ED, loading dock, etc.
* Coordinate number of staff available to assist with the transfer
* Receiving/care providing unit
* Coordinate handling plan/plan of care (skin, turning schedule, PT/OT)

1. Equipment – List contacts to obtain/implement

* Lift room (define single or double motor)
* Appropriately sized equipment
  + Slings to match patient’s weight
  + Specialty slings
  + Bariatric Bed to meet the patients’ needs and weight
  + Bariatric Hover Matt and Hover Jack
  + Bed side commode
  + Stretcher limits
* Procedures established where patient weight exceeds equipment maximums

1. Coordination of patient placement

* Insurance coverage for the admission
* Step down or floor bed? Debate whether floor bed could handle patient emergencies?
* Can’t admit to level one -
* MRI restrictions for patients >1000
* Operating restrictions for weight >1000

**Links to the Bariatric Policy/Procedure/Resources**

Safe Patient Handling: <http://policy.hitchcock.org/dspPolicyWindow.cfm?policy_id=1049> Beds and Support surfaces: <http://policy.hitchcock.org/dspPolicyWindow.cfm?policy_id=7301>

Skin, Wound, and Pressure Ulcer Standards and Guidelines: <http://policy.hitchcock.org/dspPolicyWindow.cfm?policy_id=9040>

Bariatric Resource Manual: <http://intranet.hitchcock.org/hc/webpage.cfm?site_id=1&org_id=322&morg_id=0&gsec_id=32813&item_id=32813>

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