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Comments Hello,

After reviewing your NIOSH docket #072 I would like to make a much needed suggestion.

The article and video spent a lot of time on nursing homes and not the majority of patients at hospitals.

The majority of hospital patients that require lifting, lowering, and transfers are ambulatory patients or patients that can bear their own weight and who have undergone sugery. No mention of lift equipment for this large amount of patients. Are we forgetting them and the nurses that have to lift them?

On the Med-Surg floors this patient makes up 75% of the patients.

A new Lift named 'gimme a Lift' is designed for the ambulatory patient and is currently in hospitals and is easy to use with one in each room. Best of all it is cost efficient with a price under \$150.00. This new lift is proven to reduce the lift injuries for the ambulatory patients and others at home. By the way it also reduces surgical site pain on the JACHO scale from 1-10 with 10 being the worst the patients pain were reduced to a 2 or 3 on average.

The current president of the ANA, Barbera Blakeny, was sent one and had a chance to actually try it. It does not have as much application in a nursing home as it does in a hospital becuase of the condition of the patients.

Visit www.gimmealift.com and call me with any other questions at the number below. Lift has been awarded several patents and has FDA registration and made in the USA.

Best Regards,

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