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Comments

Bravo!! Very powerful and long overdue! I plan to preview and request student comments immediately.

Suggestion: Please address the use of "low beds" in nursing homes. Even if the algorithim for moving from the floor is used for patient transfer, linen change and handson care still need to be addressed. Of course, beds that can be lowered for pt safety then raised for care are available.

However, too many times I see PVC-type bed frames that cannot be modified from the nearly on-floor position, with cost containment cited as the reason.

Kudos on this timely and relevant project! I can also be contacted at: jeanne.saunders@worldnet.att.net.