

## **MOBILITY CHART – DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION**

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### **Purpose of presentation:**

To introduce design features of a mobility chart used for communicating individual patient handling assistance needs and to identify strategies for its successful implementation.

### **Conclusions:**

The mobility chart is a simple, versatile and useful communication tool promoting best practice in patient handling that is consistent and safe. Key design features are its visibility, ease of use and comprehension by users. It is recommended that the mobility chart is initially completed and thereafter regularly updated by skilled assessors. The mobility chart should be part of an integrated risk management strategy within a comprehensive safe handling programme. The systematic introduction of a mobility chart must have active and ongoing managerial support. Consultation with users enhances ownership, clarifies objections and provides opportunities for design improvements. Promoting the benefits of consistency, better patient care, safety and time-saving helps with buy-in during implementation. Further work needs to be done on the use of the mobility chart in high patient turnover areas and improving congruence with documentation on patient handling information in the written case notes.

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