

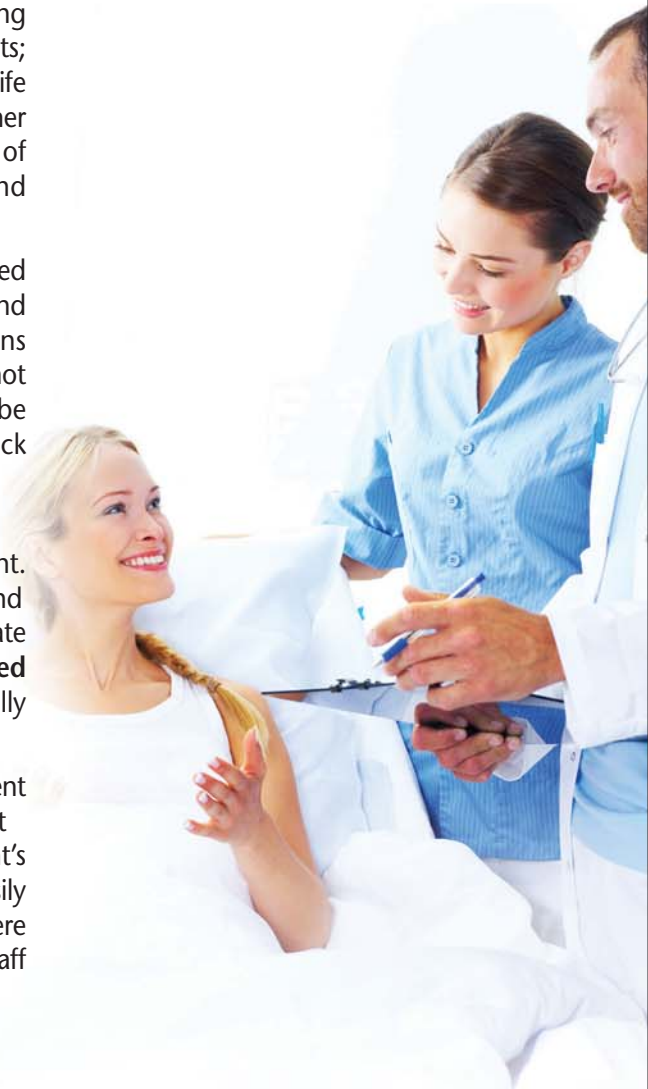
The Total Lift Bed™ - Safe Patient Handling System

Work related musculoskeletal disorders in nurses and health care workers are the leading and most costly occupational health problem in the U.S., costing over \$20 billion each year. These injuries occur in all healthcare environments; acute care, nursing homes, LTAC's, and home health. These injuries cause life altering: career ending, disabling, and chronic conditions to nurses and other health care workers. The leading cause of these injuries is the result of repeated manual lifting, transferring, and repositioning of patients and residents.

Back injuries due to manual patient handling remain the #1 injury reported in healthcare. These injuries leave 50% or more working in chronic pain and 12% leaving the profession annually. With 100,000 vacant RN positions today and the projected vacancy rate to be 340,000 by 2020, the U.S. cannot afford to continue losing health care workers to back injuries that can be prevented. A nursing assistant is seven times more likely to sustain a back injury than any other category of worker in the U.S.

The solution to injury prevention as well as patient safety is to implement safe patient handling programs that include assistive devices and equipment. Some states have already passed mandatory safe patient handling laws and the Senate and House have introduced similar legislation that would mandate elimination of manual lifting except in emergencies. Use of the **Total Lift Bed** (TLB) meets such requirements. Remember, there is no safe way to manually lift a patient even with multiple caregivers.

The new **Total Lift Bed** by VitalGo is the cornerstone of a dynamic safe patient handling program. With just a press of a button you can bring the patient to any position desired with no lifting by staff. The ability to change a patient's position is vital to a positive outcome and when the caregiver can do so easily and safely, patients are moved and repositioned more often. Even when there is no other safe patient handling equipment available or when space or staff are limited, the Total Lift Bed can be utilized safely and efficiently.



The Total Lift Bed™ Safe Patient Handling System

The Patented (pending) technology of the **Total Lift Bed** moves the **Foot Lifter™** towards the feet of the patient /client, and only after making contact will start tilting him, while the bed tilts, and upon reaching the proper angle the **Foot Lifter™** will gradually move down so when the bed is in fully standing position the Foot Lifter will be parallel to the floor, allowing the patient/client to simply walk out of bed, with or without assistance.



The **Total Lift Bed** integrates with other safe lifting equipment like lifts, slide sheets, and slings. Placement of slings has always been a caregiver safety concern; with the **Total Lift Bed** the patient is tilted and the sling is easily placed behind the patient, reducing the side to side turning that was needed.

It is also easier to place slide sheets, or any sheet, under or behind a patient utilizing the Total Lift bed technology.

If the patient/resident has difficulty performing a stand pivot after the Total Lift bed is tilted, portable turntables can be used to assist the patient thereby reducing the physical stress placed on the caregiver.



Comprehensive multi-faceted safe patient handling programs are more likely to be effective than any single intervention, and the VitalGo Total Lift Bed is the initial building block on which to base a successful program.

The Total Lift Bed has all safety features and is FDA and CE registered, conforming with the EN/ IEC 60601-2-38 and the Assessment Guidance to Reduce Entrapment.

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