MLIFT Newsletter

January 13, 2010

Communication:

1. We thank all of you for the continuing success of the lift team. We appreciate the partnership with the nursing staff and physical therapist. This partnership has made this program a success and we could not have done it without you! We are looking in the near future to service Clinics in CVC, Cancer Center, Taubman, PACU, Operating Rooms in UH and Mott, Radiology, Ed, 8D, Pre-Op, morgue procedure areas. The Team has been trained on vehicle assistance in 2009. A committee is being established to look our future growth in February 2010.

2. The partnership between the lift team and the nursing staff is especially important now. Each shift is staffed with a lift team they will come to the area and assess the patient. We need the assistance of the nursing unit staff to successfully complete every lift. Also due to low activity on the midnight shift we have two lift team members on that shift and will be working with nursing to look at different ways to increase activity on the midnight shift.
3. In the month of November a training program was conducted within Transportation Department to train other transporters to lifting team techniques. That training was very successful and other training sessions will take place as we continue to educate all transporters in proper lifting techniques.

**Equipment tips:**

1. There have been some questions and concerns about ordering disposable slings for contact precaution patients. The process is as follows: You may order the lift slings on the Patient Equipment MEMS order form as you would any piece of equipment. They are located under **SLINGS** on the order page. Put the patient's information in the proper location on the front end web page and send the order. Patient Equipment staff will deliver the order to the patient care unit within 30 minutes of receiving the order. The order will be billed one time to the patient.
2. The mess bags for dirty linen can be ordered through the Med Inn linen department.

3. MedEquip has special lift equipment that can be set up in patients’ rooms. Please call 971-0975 (Team 2) to place order.

4. The Lift Team provides support to units with structural lifts too!

**Priority Ranking:**
In order to provide the most supportive, timely service, we have designated the following priority ranking when responding to requests for service:

1. Patient falls.

2. Patients scheduled for a test. Page the Lift Team when calling for transport.

3. Repositioning (bed to chair, chair to bed, in bed)

**Recognition:**
1. We would like to recognize the team for their assistance at the Kellogg facility, Nursing Blitz training, and Nursing Skill Lab. Thank you all for being a part of making a difference for our patients and staff...

*Thanks!*
Your patience, time, clinical expertise, and recognition of the Lift Team members is appreciated. See you soon!