



# Premier Full Electric Long Term Care Bed Model # 15903C

## **Owner's Manual**



\* Shown with Optional Assist Rails and Embedded Staff Control

This manual must be given to the Owner/User of this bed and should be read carefully before putting this product into use. Keep manual in an accessible location for future reference.

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## STANDARD SYMBOLS USED IN THIS MANUAL

This manual includes important information about safety of personnel and equipment. As you read through this manual be aware of the Symbols and their meaning. Note: The information contained in this document is subject to change without notice.



#### **DANGER**

Information that appears under the DANGER description concerns the protection of personnel from direct and pending hazards that, if not avoided, will result in immediate, serious personal injury or death in addition to damage of the equipment.



#### WARNING

Information that appears under the WARNING description concerns the protection of personnel from potential hazards that, if not avoided, can result in serious injury or death, equipment damage, or both.



### **CAUTION**

Information that appears under the CAUTION description concerns the protection of personnel from potential hazards that, if not avoided, may result in minor injury, equipment damage, or both.



#### **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

Disconnect power before servicing. Maintenance/Repairs to be performed by trained personnel only. Improper use will result in serious injury or death.



## OPEN FLAME OR EXPLOSIVE GASES

DO NOT Use near open flame or explosive gasses.





## **CRUSH HAZARD**

Danger Crush hazard. Stay clear of this area during operation.

#### **NOTE**

Information that appears under the NOTE description gives added information, which helps in understanding the item being described.



## WARNING LABELS

The following warning labels are placed on specific areas of the bed to help alert you to conditions that can damage the bed or cause injury. Labels should not be removed from the bed under any circumstances.



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204 KG (450LBS) MAXIMUM LOAD CAPACITY OF BED IS 204KG (450LBS). DO NOT EXCEED 204KG (450LBS)

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Conforms to ANSI/UL STD. 60601-1, IEC60601-2-38, IEC60601-1-2 Certified to CAN/CSA STD. C22. 2 NO. 601. 1-M90

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DO NOT place feet or other objects beneath Assist Rail. When Assist Rail is installed on bed. Pinch Point/Crush Hazard exists between the Assist Rail and the floor when bed is at lowest position which may cause INJURY .

REV: 03 P/N: TC60000006



**CAUTION** 

Stay clear of the Bed Frame and ensure children, pets or other items are not under the bed before lowering. Crush point exists due to LOW BED CLEARANCE. Lowering the bed without care may cause INJURY.



DO NOT place feet or other objects beneath Assist Rail. When Assist Rail is installed on bed, Pinch Point/Crush Hazard exists between the Assist Rail and the floor when bed is at lowest position which may cause INJURY.

REV: 03 P/N: TC60000007



Ensure the Assist Rail is in the Upright/Vertical locked position before lowering bed. Failure to position Assist Rail in upright position may cause the bed to become UNSTABLE due to interference between the assist rail and the floor when lowering the bed. An unstable bed may tilt causing property damage or personal injury. REV: 03 P/N: TC60000009

#### **Bed Frame Serial Numbers**

When ordering parts or contacting an Authorized Distributor's Customer Service Department, please include bed's model and serial numbers, found on the identification labels. The identification labels are located under the sleep deck on the frame rail below the head section on either side of the bed.



## FEATURES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

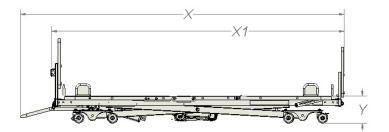
#### **Standard Features**

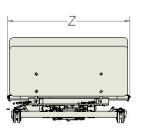
- ★ 76", 80", and 84" Sleep Surface
- ★ Travel Range: Roll-at-any-Height-6.875" 30.875"
- ★ Floor Lock System: Roll-at-any-Height-Foot Pad Lock Mechanism
- ★ Pendant Connection on left and right sides
- ★ Cable connection for Staff Control Panel
- **★** Welded Tubular Frame
- ★ Slat Sleep Deck
- **★** Wall Guard
- **★** Heavy Duty Casters
- \* Adjustable Mattress Retainers
- **★** Heel Lift Ratchet
- **★** Beige Frame Color

## **Accessories and Options**

- \* Pressure Reduction Mattress
- **★** Air Flotation Mattress
- ★ Cushion Fall Mat
- ★ Assorted Bed End styles & colors
- ★ 42" Width Extension
- ★ Staff Control Panel
- **★** Rotating Assist Bars
- ★ Battery Back-Up
- **★** Trapeze Assembly
- **★** Bed Transporter system







## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Model	15903C
Length	76"/80"/84"
	85¼"/89¼"/93¼"
Overall Length (X1) (w/head & foot boards) Overall Length X (w/bumper guard)	90¼"/94¼"/98¼"
Overall Width (Z*)	35"
Overall Width* with 1 Extension	39"
Overall Width* with 2 Extension	42"
Length of Mattress Deck	78"
Mattress Deck Height (Y) (low position)	6 "
Mattress Deck Height (high position)	30 "
Head deck angle range	0° to 70°
Thigh deck angle range	0° to 32°
Foot deck angle range	0° to 11°
Knee to foot deck angle	0° to 43°
Trendelenburg Capable**	Yes
Reverse Trendelenburg Capable**	Yes
Weight of Bed***	219 Lbs.
Maximum Weight Capacity****	500 Lbs.
Input Voltage	110V AC – 240VAC, 50/60Hz
Actuator Voltage	24V DC

Mattress Thickness Range 5.5" to 7"

Mattress Width 36" or 42"

Mattress Length 76" to 84"

<sup>\*</sup>Assist Bars add 3" to each side of the bed

<sup>\*\*</sup>Requires Embedded Staff Control footboard panel

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Without H/F boards, mattress or accessories

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>This includes the weight of the resident/resident and all other accessories including, but not limited to mattresses, head/footboards, assist bars, etc.



#### **General information**

This medical bed is a class II type B IP54 medical device. The recommended environment for operation of the bed is listed below:

Ambient temperature:  $10^{\circ}\text{C} \sim 40^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $50^{\circ}\text{F} \sim 104^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

Relative humidity range: 30% ~ 75% Atmospheric pressure: 86KPa~ 106Kpa

The recommended environment for storage/transportation is listed below:

Ambient temperature:  $-10^{\circ}\text{C} \sim 50^{\circ}\text{C}$  (14°F $\sim$ 122°F)

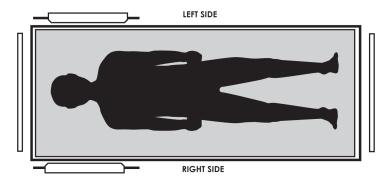
Relative humidity range: 10% ~ 93% Atmospheric pressure: 86KPa~ 106KPa

**NOTE:** The information in this document is subject to change without notice

Caution-This bed frame complies with EMC requirements of IEC 60601-1-1. Radio transmitting equipment, cell phones or similar electronic devices, used in proximity of the bed, may affect the beds performance.

There are no known contra-indications for use of this product.

#### **LEFT/RIGHT REFERENCE GRAPHIC**



#### **ELECTROMAGNETIC EMMISSION AND IMMUNITY**

This MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT needs special precautions regarding EMC and needs to be installed and put into service according to the EMC information provided in the table below.

Portable and mobile RF communications equipment can affect MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.



The use of ACCESSORIES, transducers and cables other than those specified, with the exception of transducers and cables sold by the manufacturer of the EQUIPMENT or SYSTEM as replacement parts for internal components, may result in increased EMISSION or decreased IMMUNITY of the EQUIPMENT or SYSTEM.



#### **DECLARATION - ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSIONS**

Guidance and manufacturer's declaration - Electromagnetic emissions

The Drive Medical #15903C is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of this bed should ensure that it is used in such an environment.

Emissions Test	Compliance	Electromagnetic environment - Guidance
RF Emissions CISPR 11	Group B	The Drive Medical #15903C must emit electromagnetic energy in order to perform its intended function.  Nearby electronic equipment may be affected.
RF Emissions CISPR 11	Class 1	The Drive Medical #15903C is suitable for use in all
Harmonic Emissions IEC 61000-3-2	Not Applicable	establishments including domestic establishments and those directly connected to the public power supply
Voltage fluctuations/ flicker emissions IEC 6100-3-3		network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes.

# Recommended separation distances between portable and mobile RF communications equipment and the Drive Medical #15903C

The Drive Medical #15903C is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment in which radiated RF disturbances are controlled. The customer or user of the Drive Medical #15903C can help prevent electromagnetic interference by maintaining a minimum distance between portable and mobile RF communications equipment (transmitters) and the bed as recommended below, according to the maximum output power of the communications equipment.

Rated maximum output power of transmitter	Separation distance according to frequency of transmitter m			
W W	150 kHz to 80 MHz $d = (1,2\sqrt{P})$	80 MHz to 800 MHz $d = (1,2\sqrt{P})$	<b>800</b> MHz to <b>2,5</b> GHz $d = (2,3\sqrt{P})$	
0.01	0.12	0.12	0.23	
0.1	0.38	0.38	0.73	
1	1.2	1.2	2.3	
0.1	0.38	0.38	0.73	
10	3.8	3.8	7.3	
100	12	12	23	

For transmitters rated at a maximum output power not listed above, the recommended separation distance *d* in meters (m) can be estimated using the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter, where *P* is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter in watts (W) accordable to the transmitter manufacturer.

NOTE I At 80 MHz and 800 MHz the separation distance for the higher frequency range applies

NOTE 2 These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.



#### Guidance and manufacturer's declaration: Electromagnetic Immunity

The Drive Medical #15903C is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the Drive Medical #15903C should ensure that it is used in such an environment.

Immunity test	IEC 60601 test level	Compliance level	Electromagnetic environment - guidance
Conducted RF IEC 61000-4-6 Radiated RF IEC 61000-4-3	3 Vrms 150 kHz to 80 MHz 3 V/m 80 MHz to 2.5 GHz	3 Vrms 3 V/m	Portable and mobile RF communications equipment should be used no closer to any part of the Drive Medical #15903C including cables, than the recommended separation distance calculated from the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter. <b>Recommended separation distance</b> $d = (1,2\sqrt{P})$ $d = (1,2\sqrt{P})$ $d = (1,2\sqrt{P})$ 80MHz to 800MHz $d = (1,2\sqrt{P})$ 800MHz to 2,5MHz Where $P$ is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter in watts (W) according to the Transmitter manufacturer and $d$ is the recommended separation distance in meters (m). Field strengths from fixed RF transmitters, as determined by an electromagnetic site survey, a should be less than the compliance level in each frequency range. Interference may occur in the vicinity of equipment marked with the following symbol:

NOTE I At 80MHz and 800MHz the higher frequency range applies.

NOTE 2 These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Field strengths from fixed transmitters, such as base stations for radio (cellular/cordless) telephones and land mobile radios, amateur radio, AM and FM radio broadcast and TV broadcast cannot be predicted theoretically with accuracy. To assess the electromagnetic environment due to fixed RF transmitters, an electromagnetic site survey should be considered. If the measured field strength in the location in which the Drive Medical #15903C is used exceeds the applicable RF compliance level above, the bed should be observed to verify normal operation. If abnormal performance is observed, additional measures may be necessary, such as reorienting or relocating the Drive Medical #15903C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Over the frequency range 150 kHz to 80 MHz, field strengths should be less than  $[V_i]$  V/m.



## **GENERAL SAFETY**

NOTE: **DO NOT** operate this product without first reading and understanding this user manual. Damage or injury may result from improper use of this product.

The information contained in this document is subject to change without notice.

The Drive Medical roll-at-any-height beds are **intended for use** within an institutional healthcare environment. Drive Medical recommends compliance to Application Environment 3 (ie: Skilled Nursing, Transitional Care, Rehabilitation Care, and Assisted Living environment).



#### **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

This bed is equipped with a three-prong grounding plug for protection against possible shock hazard and should only be used with a properly grounded 110 VAC to 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz electrical outlet. DO NOT under any circumstances cut or remove the grounding prong.

DO NOT open any actuators, control boxes or pendants. Service is only to be performed by authorized service personnel. If unauthorized service is performed on any components the warranty is void.

- DO NOT use an extension cord.
- DO NOT allow the cord, electrical outlets, electrical control box or hand pendant to become wet or submerged.
- DO NOT operate the bed if any electrical component such as the power cord, electrical outlet, connections, motor/actuator or mechanical component has malfunctioned or has been damaged in any way.



#### WARNING

This electric bed is NOT designed to be used as a resident transport device. Please use an approved resident transport device when moving a resident.

DO NOT use assist bars as handles for moving the bed.

DO NOT roll the bed over any power or pendant cords.

- Possible Injury may occur due to falls if bed is not kept in lowest height position except when care is being provided.
- Bed should be at lowest suitable height for Resident entry and exit.
- Possible Injury or Death may occur due to pendant cord being a source for entangling Resident. Residents with decreased mental acuity should NOT have access to pendant.
- Possible Injury or Death may occur if bed is pushed over abrupt thresholds while bed is occupied. This bed was not designed to transport residents.

DO NOT plug anything into housing components of bed (pendants or actuators) while power cord is plugged into the wall outlet. Any cords or medical tubing used on or with this bed MUST be routed and secured properly to ensure that they DO NOT become entangled, kinked or severed during normal operation of the bed.



Possible Injury or Death may occur if replacement parts are not provided by the manufacturer or Authorized Distributor.

Possible Injury or Death may occur if accessories are not provided by an Authorized Distributor. Please contact an Authorized Distributor for accessories that are compatible before use of bed.



#### **OPEN FLAME OR EXPLOSIVE GASES**

DO NOT use near explosive gases.

Possible Fire Hazard if the use of nasal mask in  $\frac{1}{2}$  bed tent  $O_2$  administering equipment. If  $O_2$  tent is being used it should not fall below mattress deck. The pendant should not be placed in oxygen enriched environment such as an  $O_2$  tent.



#### **CRUSH HAZARD**

Possible Injury may occur when activating the Foot Lock Mechanism. This feature is designed to be activated by your foot. Using your hand could result in injury.



#### WARNING

Drive Medical Premier beds are intended for use within an institutional healthcare environment (ie: Skilled Nursing, Transitional Care, Rehabilitation Care, and Assisted Living). Compliance with the regulations and guidelines as specified by your facility is recommended:

- Keep all moving parts, including the mattress deck (sleep surface), main frame, and all drive actuators and moving components free of obstructions.
- NEVER permit more than one (1) person in/on the bed at any time. The weight capacity of this bed is 500 pounds including all accessories and options.
- Body weight should be evenly distributed over the sleeping surface of the bed. Avoid situations where entire body weight is on a raised head or foot surface. This includes while assisting the user in repositioning or transferring in or out of bed.
- NEVER allow anyone under the bed at any time.
- Supervision is required when this product is operated by or near children or people with disabilities.
- Ensure that the individual using this bed is properly positioned, particularly when the bed is being
  operated or moved.
- DO NOT let any limbs or body parts protrude over the side or between bed components, especially when the bed is being moved or operated.
- Caster and floor locks (if equipped) shall be used except when bed is being moved. When transferring a resident into or out of the bed, always engage the floor lock and lock the caster(s). **Bed is not intended for patient transport**.



#### WARNING

No modification of this equipment is allowed.

Only items that have been specified as part of this bed or that have been specified as being compatible with this bed shall be connected to it.





#### ENTRAPMENT WARNING

Accurate assessment of the resident and monitoring of correct maintenance and equipment use are required to prevent entrapment. For additional information on product and safety issues for bed frames and rails refer to product manuals specific to the product or accessories you have or are planning to install. If bed frames have been serviced or any other adjustments have been made, you must ensure all parts are securely back in place before operating the bed. Other manufacturers assist bars or side rails may not be compatible and can lead to entrapment issues or harm to residents and staff. Make sure mattress is the correct size for bed frame and the assist bars are secured to frame to decrease the risk of entrapment.

On March 10, 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released guidelines for reducing the risk of hospital bed entrapment entitled; "Hospital bed System Dimensional and Assessment Guidance to Reduce Entrapment". This guidance document identifies potential entrapment areas within the bed frame, rails and mattress and identifies those body parts most at risk for entrapment. It also provides manufacturers with basic design criteria to consider when developing hospital/convalescent beds; recommends specific test methods to assess the conformance of existing hospital/convalescent bed systems; and answers frequently-asked questions about entrapment issues.

The FDA Guidance document identifies specific dimensional criteria on potentially injury-threatening gaps and spaces that can occur between bed system components, such as side rails when improperly installed. Drive Medical's Long Term Care beds and approved accessories are manufactured to be in conformance with these guidelines.

Please be aware that entrapment issues can still arise when components and accessories are not properly installed on the bed. It is important for the provider or facility staff to recognize they have an equal role in complying with the FDA guidelines to help ensure resident safety and avoid injuries.

Copies of this document can be obtained from the FDA website:

http://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/deviceregulationandguidance/guidancedocuments/ucm072662.htm



## COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Matching the correct bed components to meet regulatory specifications can be complicated. Drive Medical offers a wide variety of compatible options and an Authorized Distributor can assist your facility in selecting correct components or accessories that is recommended for the specific bed model.



Other manufacturers assist bars and side rails may not be compatible and can lead to entrapment issues or harm to patients. Only compatible Drive Medical assist bars and rails may be used on this bed. Ensure mattress is the correct size for bed frame, mattress retainers are in place and the assist bars are secured to frame to decrease the risk of entrapment.

#### **MATTRESS SPECIFICATIONS**



WARNING

Possible ENTRAPMENT Hazard may occur if you do not use the recommended specification mattress.

Resident entrapment may occur leading to injury or death.

- A mattress may not be included with this bed. It is recommended that a 36" wide mattress that is made to fit the length of a 76", 80", or 84" bed frame is used, such as a Drive Medical Pressure Reduction Mattress. Mattress height must be a minimum of 5 ½ inches and maximum of 8 inches.
- Also available are Drive Medical's assortment of mattress overlays and Low Air Loss flotation mattress systems.



## **UNPACKING AND ASSEMBLY**

#### **UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS**

Tools needed: wire cutters or pliers



CAUTION

DAMAGE to the equipment may occur if the incorrect zip ties are removed.

- If the carton is in an upright position, slowly lower to the floor and position with casters down.
- It may be necessary for two or more people to help in lowering the bed.
- Cut black strapping around box; remove box ends and plastic surrounding bed frame.
- Cut zip ties to remove wall guard at the head of the bed.
- Cut the zip ties to remove mattress retainers on each side of the bed.
- Remove ties from pendant.
- Remove any remaining zip ties or foam left on bed frame.
- Locate power cord and plug into grounded 110-240 VAC outlet.
- Raise the bed frame and check to make sure everything is plugged into the control box and no wires are loose. If wires are not in control box, match up by the color coded system. (See instructions below)

NOTE: DO NOT remove zip ties that are holding cords underneath bed frame.

#### **INITIAL INSPECTION**

Inspection of All Components – Receipt of assembled bed

- Check bed components for obvious damage.
- Inspect power supply cords for cuts and/or damage.
- Check that actuator cords are connected properly to the controller.
- Verify proper functionality of all features ONCE ASSEMBLED.



#### **ASSEMBLY**

#### WALL BUMPER INSTALLATION

The wall bumper is designed to prevent damage to facility walls by keeping the head end of the bed spaced away from the wall.

- Locate the wall bumper assembly over the front horizontal leg tube
- Adjust Wall Bumper to extend beyond headboard and use tethered pins to lock in place



#### **MATTRESS RETAINER ADJUSTMENT**

Tools Needed: 3/16" Hex Key

Mattress Retainer is designed to keep the mattress in place on the sleep surface. Based on the mattress length, determine the length of sleep surface required. Please read important information on Mattress Retainer and follow installation instructions. Use the 76", 80" and 84" guide on the head and foot section to place your mattress retainer in the correct location for the mattress being used.

• New beds are factory set for a 76" bed frame there is no need to move the mattress retainers at the head and foot section. If the bed frame has been previously adjusted to 80" or 84" length, you will need to move head and foot section mattress retainers to 76" position if desired.



• If you are using an 80" mattress, you will need to move the head and foot section mattress retainers to the 80" slots, which is the middle position.





• If you are using an 84" mattress, you will need to move the head and foot section mattress retainers to the 84" slots, which are the last slots closest to the head and foot boards.



• Mattress retainers on the perimeter of the sleep deck should be moved in the upward position in order to keep mattress centered on the support deck.





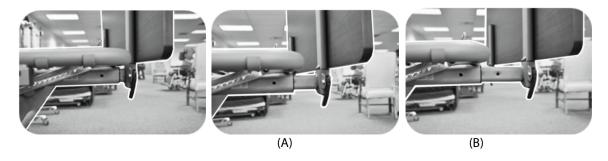
- Once retainers are adjusted correctly, place mattress on mattress support deck.
- The mattress should now be snug against all of the mattress retainers and no gaps are present. Ensure mattress does not compress below 1.5" under resident weight.



#### HEADBOARD AND FOOTBOARD INSTALLATION AND ADJUSTMENT

NOTE: 3/16" Hex key required for initial mounting of headboard and footboard support assemblies. This tool is also required for bed length adjustment.

- Insert headboard or footboard frame support assembly, whichever is appropriate for the end of the bed you are working on.
- There are mounting positions for 3 different mattress lengths, 76", 80" and 84". Choose the one appropriate for your mattress.
- Both ends of the bed need to be used for the extension to be complete.



- When the frame support assembly bar is pulled out to the first slots (A) it is at the 76" length.
- When the frame support assembly bar is pulled out to the first slot at the head of the bed and second slot at the foot of the bed (B) it is at the 80" length.
- When the frame support assembly bar is pulled out to the second slot in both head and foot ends (B) it is at the 84" length.
- Thread the 3/16" bolt into both sides of the bed frame to hold the headboard/footboard frame support assemblies in place. NOTE: This location can be changed at any time by removing the 3/16" bolts and sliding the support assembly to the desired position.

Possible injury or death may occur if the use of a mattress is not long enough so the gap between the mattress and head and foot board is minimized enough to prevent the resident from getting their head/neck caught in the gaps.

Ensure total length of bed frame does not present a safety hazard or impair access in room. Place new mattress against Mattress Retainer and be sure mattress covers entire length of mattress support surface.

 Attach the headboard to the headboard bracket using 3 bolts (IV holder facing the outside), Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> bracket. Attach the footboard to the footboard bracket (2) using 3 bolts (NO IV holder), Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> bracket.









Head Board Bracket w/IV Pole Holder

Foot Board Cam Lock on Frame Support Bracket Assembly (lift up)

- Open the cam locks on the support assembly.
- Insert the tubes of the headboard/footboard mounting brackets into the slots of the frame support assembly.
- NOTE: The mounting brackets on the footboard face toward the inside of the bed and those of the headboard face away from the bed.
- Slide headboard/footboard tube down until it stops.
- Close the cam locks to lock the headboard/footboard in position.



Cam Lock on Frame Support Assembly (down locked position)

## ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBEDDED STAFF CONTROL PANEL EQUIPPED FOOTBOARD (OPTION)

- Route the cable from the control panel toward the control box keeping clear of any areas that could pinch or abrade the cable.
- Secure the cable to the frame in several locations along its length.



#### **ASSIST BAR ASSEMBLY (OPTION)**

(Tool -Less Assembly)

• To install assist bar(s) locate the bracket under the sleep deck.





- Slide the assist bar onto the bed frame and line up with bracket underneath the sleep deck.
- Insert screws and use (2) Knobs to hold Assist Bar in place.





- Tighten knobs until Assist Bar is secure against the bracket.
- If Assist Bar is loose continue to tighten until it is secure.

### **ASSIST BAR**



#### ASSIST BAR / SIDE RAIL WARNING

Other manufacturers assist bars and side rails may not be compatible and can lead to entrapment issues or harm to patients. Only compatible Drive Medical assist bars and rails may be used on this bed. Make sure mattress is the correct size for bed frame and the assist bars are properly secured to frame to decrease the risk of entrapment.



#### **ENTRAPMENT WITH ASSIST BAR**

Resident entrapment with assist bars may cause injury or death. To prevent resident entrapment the mattress must fit bed frame and side rails snugly. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions and monitor resident frequently. Please read and understand the owner/user manual prior to placing this bed into service.

If assist bar is positioned incorrectly this may result in RESIDENT ENTRAPMENT. To prevent RESIDENT ENTRAPMENT the bar needs to be placed in the correct area, as shown in the instructions above.





#### **CAUTION**

Assist bar position may cause the bed to become UNSTABLE due to the interference between the assist bar and the floor when lowering the bed. An unstable bed may tilt and/or cause property damage or personal injury. Before lowering the bed, ensure the assist bar is in the VERTICAL/UPRIGHT position. When the assist bar is in the lowered position it is recommended that the bar is positioned toward the head of the bed.



## **CRUSH HAZARD**

Crush Hazard when installed on bed. Pinch point exists between the assist bar and the floor at the lowest position which may cause INJURY to oneself or others. Do NOT place feet beneath the assist bar.



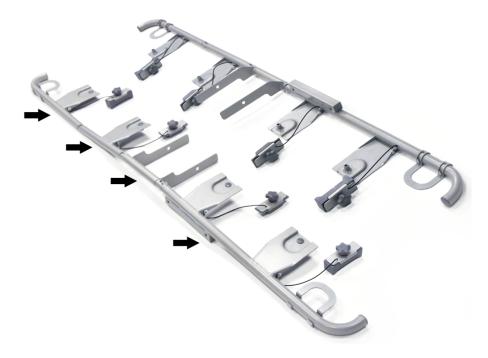
## **SLEEP SURFACE (DECK) WIDTH EXTENSION ASSEMBLY**

(Tool -Less Assembly)

- Determine if you will be making the bed frame a 39" or 42" bed frame. Use only (1) Width Extension if a 39" bed frame is required. Use both Width Extensions if a 42" bed is required.
- Remove the deck width extension assemblies from their packaging.
- DO NOT remove the strings attached to the Width Extension; they are there to prevent losing the clamps.



• There are four (4) sections to each side of the Width Extension. Piece together and insert the four (4) 3/16" x 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  " bolts into the hinge points as shown. FULLY TIGHTEN











NOTE: This will make it easier to grasp and attach to the bed deck.

- Remove the (4) knobs that are attached to the width extension, (2) on the head section and (2) on the foot section, these will be used to tighten the width extension to the bed frame.
- Remove the (2) knobs underneath the bed frame at the mid-section, this is where the width extension guides will be placed.
- Line the extension up to the sleep deck and use the guides at the middle section of the extension and slide into the slots under the sleep deck attached to the mid section of the frame. Replace knobs that were removed and tighten until secure to the mid-section.



 Now begin at either head or foot section and replace the plastic forming clamps and knobs to the Width Extension.





- Make sure all knobs are tightened or the width extension will not be secure to sleep deck.
- Repeat process for other side if additional width is desired.

NOTE: This optional bed expansion kit expands the bed from 35" wide to 39" wide with one (1) Width Extension and 35" wide to 42" wide with two (2) Width Extensions. It is HIGHLY recommended that a 500 lb. capacity mattress be used, such as a Drive Medical 42" wide Pressure Redistribution Mattress.



#### **HEEL LIFT RATCHET ADJUSTMENT**

• With the knee-foot section set at the preferred position, you can raise the manual foot lift section.





- There are six fixed stops on the manual foot lift adjustment that can be set at varying heights.
- The manual foot lift section must be raised slowly to properly engage each stop. The foot lift section will not lower past the nearest engaged stop.





- The foot section of the bed deck cannot be fully lowered without first manually adjusting the foot lift section to its lowest position.
- To reset the ratchet mechanism and lower the manual foot lift section to its lowest position, raise the manual foot lift section to the highest setting and lower it in one motion to the flat position.
- Once in its lowest position, the manual foot lift can once again be raised to the desired height.



## **BATTERY BACK-UP (OPTION)**

(Tools Needed: Phillips Screw Driver and 9mm Wrench and Socket)



### **CRUSH HAZARD**

Installation of the battery backup creates a possible foot crush hazard. Drive Medical recommends that the battery backup is installed on the side of the bed that is against the wall to minimize this crush hazard.

- Locate the mounting plate underneath the bed frame near the head of the bed.
- Attach the mounting bracket to the mounting plate by screwing (2) bolts at the top into the frame. Secure the rest of the mounting bracket with the remaining (4) bolts and locknuts to the mounting plate.
- Slide the battery into place; make sure it is secure into the mounting bracket.
- Attach the cord from the battery into the control box (black color).
- The battery back-up will now work if the bed becomes unplugged from the wall outlet or there is a power failure.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BATTERY BACKUP!**

	The batter	$^{\prime}$ backup should be used for EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONL	LY
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- □ DO NOT use the battery backup to demo or display a bed
- If the battery backup is used, it MUST be recharged before becoming drained and dormant. If the battery is run dead and left for any extended portion of time, the battery can go into HIBERNATION and cannot recover or be recharged.
- ☐ Drive Medical cannot be held responsible for improper backup use.



## **BED FUNCTIONS**





**CRUSH HAZARD** 

Danger Crush hazard. Stay clear of this area during operation

Crush point exists due to LOW BED CLEARANCE. Do NOT place feet or other limbs under the frame when lowering the bed. When lowering the bed, be aware this may cause INJURY if limbs or personal items interfere with bed movement. Stay clear of the frame and ensure children or pets are not under the bed before lowering the bed.

Hand Control Pendant Operation: 4 FUNCTION HAND PENDANT



#### **4 Function Hand Pendant**

 Hand held pendant can be plugged into the left or right side of the bed frame for the convenience of the resident.

1st Set of Buttons: Head deck up and down.
 2nd Set of Buttons: Foot deck up and down.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Set of Buttons: Auto Contour - raise and lower the head and foot decks at the same time.

• 4<sup>th</sup> Set of Buttons: Bed frame up and down.

• When the green light on the pendant is lit this indicates the pendant is in use.



### **EMBEDDED STAFF CONTROL PANEL OPERATION (OPTION)**

### 5 Function



- This controller is located on the footboard
- The 1<sup>st</sup> button controls the raising and lowering of the head section.
  - o While in the locked position, this panel feature will not work.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> button controls the raising and lowering of the foot section.
  - o While in the locked position, this panel feature will not work.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> button controls the raising and lowering of the head and foot section simultaneously (Auto Contour).
- The 4<sup>th</sup> button controls the raising and lowering of the bed frame.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> button controls trendelenburg and reverse trendelenburg positions.

### Trendelenburg and Reverse Trendelenburg

- Trendelenburg/Reverse Trendelenburg positioning and Hi/Lo Lockout option with the Attendant Control Panel
  - o While in the locked position, these panel features will not work.
  - o While in the unlocked position, all features will work.
- The contour position will work in the lock or unlocked position.



#### CAUTION

The use of Trendelenburg and Reverse Trendelenburg function may not be suitable for certain residents. This function should only be used with the recommendation from medical personnel.

A Bed Length Extension should not be used on a bed that has the Trendelenburg and Reverse Trendelenburg function.



#### PENDANT HOLDER AND LOCATION



### **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

Prior to working with any electrical parts, such as the 13-pin hand held pendant, motor/actuators or control box, make sure the power to the bed frame is disconnected.

• The pendant holder is to be placed on the side of the assist rail.





- The pendant then slides into the holder within easy reach of the resident.
- To relocate the pendant to the other side of the bed, raise the bed to the highest position then unplug the main power cord from wall outlet.
- At the opposite end of the Hand Pendant, lift up the locking bracket that holds the pendant cable plug to the frame connection and unplug the pendant cord from the frame connection.
- On the other side of the bed, lift up the cable locking bracket on the frame connection, and line up the cable pins, then carefully push cable plug into the frame connection and push cable locking bracket down around pendant cable plug.
- Plug in main power cord to wall outlet and test pendant functions.



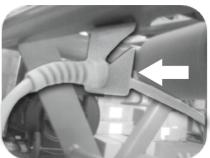
#### **POWER CORD STORAGE**

- Power cord strain relief hook is located underneath the bed frame at the head of the bed and keeps the power cord off the floor and protects the power cord from getting severed or run over.
- If the power cord is not in place under the bed, until the power cord and stretch out toward the head of the bed.



- Unscrew the cap that is attached to the power cord and run cord down through the hook.
- After the cord is through the hook, screw the cap together, this will hold the power cord in place.





**NOTE:** Disconnect the main power cord from the wall outlet and store the power cord when the bed is not in use. Ensure the power cord is placed on the sleep deck and not hanging off the bed where it may be damaged. Secure the power cord to the head of the bed when moving the bed.



## **BED MOBILIZATION AND STABILIZATION**



#### **WARNING**

Involuntary bed movement may take place if the floor lock or bed casters are left unlocked. Involuntary bed movement may lead to property DAMAGE or resident INJURY. Never leave a bed unattended while the floor lock is not engaged.

## **FLOOR LOCK OPERATION**



#### **CRUSH HAZARD**

Possible Injury may occur when activating the Foot Lock Mechanism. This feature is designed to be activated by your foot. Using your hand could result in injury.

• Press the floor lock bar down once with your foot to engage floor lock.



- Two black plungers extend to the floor on each side of the bed in between the wheels indicating that floor lock is engaged.
- With the floor lock engaged this will prevent the bed from moving.
- Press the floor lock bar down once again with your foot and this will disengage the floor lock.





• A YELLOW indicator will appear on top of the caster covers on each side of the bed indicating the floor lock is now disengaged.



- The two black plungers will also now be off of the floor indicating that the floor lock is disengaged.
- With the floor lock disengaged the bed will move in all directions.



## **CAUTION**

Moving the bed while the floor lock is engaged may cause DAMAGE to the bed. Do not move the bed until the floor lock is disengaged.

#### **BED HEAD END CASTER STEER MECHANISM**

• Steer mechanism (Bale) is on either side of the head end resting on caster cover.



- Align caster with the caster assembly and lower the bale over the caster.
- With the bale in place, the head end of the bed will tend to track in a straight line.
- When used in conjunction with engaged Floor Lock system, Bale will help prevent side to side bed movement and should be in the lowered position at all times except when bed is being moved by staff member.



## **CARE AND MAINTENANCE**



CAUTION

If improperly performed, equipment or property DAMAGE or resident INJURY is possible during maintenance.

## **Cleaning Instructions**

- If possible, remove resident before cleaning bed.
- Unplug power supply cords prior to cleaning.
- Ensure all electrical parts (motors, control boxes, pendant and cables) are not broken and all housing components are unplugged. Ensure that NO liquids enter electrical components.
- Remove all gross/solid contaminants, then wash and sanitize all components. DO NOT submerge the bed frame or electrical components.
- Use standard water pressure. DO NOT power wash or steam clean any parts.
- Do NOT use Solvents, alcohol, bleach, caustic agents, high acid or alkaline solutions or petroleum based products to clean the bed surface.
- Rinse completely with water (Maximum temperature 110°F or 43°C).
- Ensure all components are dry before using or storing.

Note: This bed is NOT compatible with wash down tunnels.



#### WARNING

Failure to properly maintain your bed may decrease the life expectancy of your product and increase product maintenance requirements and costs. *Always service the bed at the required intervals.* 



#### **MAINTENANCE**

### Inspection of All Components - Receipt of assembled bed

- Check bed components for obvious damage.
- Inspect power supply cords for cuts and/or damage.
- Check that actuator cords are connected properly to the controller.
- Verify proper functionality of all features.

#### **QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE CHECK**

- If the bed has a battery, unplug from the wall outlet and validate function. The battery may be built-in or portable.
- Inspect bed and Assist Bars/Rails bolts, if loose tighten and if missing replace.
- Lubricate clevis pins at hinge points.
- Lubricate tracks of bed for smooth travel.

#### **SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION**

Perform all Quarterly inspections plus:

#### Control Box

- Check power cord for chafing, cuts or wear.
- Ensure all attachment hardware and brackets are tight.
- Check electrical connections for wear or fractures.
- Verify that all actuator connections are tight.

#### Actuators

- Check actuator cords for chafing, cuts or wear.
- Check to make sure actuators do not bind at any point throughout their full range of motion.

#### Pendant

- Check pendant cord for chafing, cuts or wear.
- Check all pendant buttons for proper function.

#### **Authorized Accessories**

- Inspect all fasteners for looseness and wear. Replace or tighten as necessary.
- Ensure proper function of accessory.
- Ensure welds do not have stress fractures.
- Ensure no tubes are bent.



#### **ANNUAL INSPECTION**

• Perform all Semi-Annual inspections plus:

#### Mattress Support Surface, Frame and Base Assemblies

- Inspect welds on the mattress support surface, frame and base assemblies for stress fractures.
- Verify all fasteners are tight.
- Inspect fasteners for wear or damage.
- Inspect bed and Assist Bars/Rails bolts, if loose tighten and if missing replace.
- Lubricate clevis pins at hinge points.
- Lubricate Hi/Lo tracks of bed for smooth travel.

#### **Actuators**

- Inspect push tubes and end connections of all actuators for excess wear or bending.
- Verify that all clevis pins are in place.

#### Casters

- Check that locks on casters lock properly (if equipped).
- Check that all casters roll properly.
- Check Floor Brake mechanism for proper function (roll at any height model).
- Check head end caster alignment (Bale) mechanism to verify proper function (roll at any height model).

#### **NOTICE TO MAINTENANCE STAFF**

- Carry out all adjustment and cleaning procedures as specified.
- Assembly of this bed and modifications made during the actual service life require evaluation to the requirements of IEC 60601-1 and IEC 60601-2-38.



## **SERVICING**

Actuators and Control Box are light gray.



## **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

Possible Shock Hazard may occur if the Control Box is not unplugged from the wall outlet before any maintenance is performed on Motor or Control Box.

**ACTUATORS AND CONTROL BOX INFORMATION** 

#### **Cord and Socket Identification**

- Attendant Control (Green)
- Hand Held Pendant (Red)
- Head Section Motor (Black)
- Foot Section Motor (Yellow)
- Hi/Lo Motor (Blue)
- Hi/Lo Motor (White)
- Battery Back-Up (Black)

#### **Removing Control Box**

- Unplug main power supply from the wall outlet
- Unplug connections for all actuators and accessories
- Separate the control box from the actuator
- Reinstall the control box on the actuator
- Plug all connections back into control box following color coding
- Test function

#### **Replacing Actuators**

- Unplug power supply cord from the wall outlet
- Identify the actuator to replace
- Tip bed on its side to remove the Hi/Lo actuators
- Unplug actuator cord from control box
- Actuator is held in place by (2) clevis pins
- Remove bowtie clips from clevis pins
- Slide the clevis pins out of the holes
- You can now replace the actuator
- To reassemble bed, reverse previous steps, and make sure to:
  - Assemble clevis pins as originally installed with bowtie clips
  - Zip ties should be replaced, with cords to their original position and routing direction to the control box



## **Replacing the AC Power Cord** (tools needed-T10 Star Key)

- Unplug power cord from wall outlet.
- Locate power cord end on control box.
- Unscrew (4) bolts from the control box.
- Lift power cord from control box and remove (2) wires from the terminal inside the control box.
- Dispose of the broken power cord.
- Reattach (2) new wires to terminal inside control box.
- Route the new power cord in the same manner as the original cord ensuring use of strain relief device
- Replace tie-wraps to hold power cord to frame
- Screw (4) bolts back on to the control box.
- Plug power cord back into wall outlet.

#### **END OF LIFE DISPOSAL**

- Many components of this product may be recycled.
- Please dispose of non-recyclable items properly.



## **TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE**



## WARNING

Before doing any repairs or maintenance to the bed frame, read all instructions, cautions, and warnings. The repairs should be done by a skilled technician.

Effect	Possible Cause	Verification	Corrective Action
When in the Trendelenburg or Reverse Trendelenburg position the bed begins to beep when raising/lowering.	Actuators start reading for possible overload and stop so the bed does	When raising/lowering the bed frame while in the Trendelenburg/Reverse Trendelenburg position, bed begins to raise/lower then stops and beeps	The bed must be leveled out before you can raise/lower it. Make sure the Trendelenburg/Reverse Trendelenburg position is no longer being used.
Bed does not stay in place	Floor lock is not engaged.	Yellow indicator on caster housing is visible.	Activate floor lock Yellow lock should NOT be visible.
	Black plunger is not hitting the floor or there is not enough resistance between floor and plunger.	There may be an object in-between the floor and black plunger, the floor may be slippery.	Clean the floor; remove any objects that may be in the way. Make sure the floor is dry.
	Floor lock is not functioning.	Floor lock stuck in one position.	Contact an Authorized Distributor or Drive Medical for assistance. 1-800-371-2266.
Actuators are not working	Wire connections may be loose or damaged.	Visually check wire connections. They may be loose or frayed.	Reconnect any loose wires and/or power cords. If cord is frayed replace immediately.
	Hi/Lo lockout may be on.	The light on the attendant control panel is on.	Unlock panel by pushing lock button and light should go off.
	Faulty actuator.	Disconnect power cord from bed that is not functioning and use on another bed that is functioning. Reconnect the power and test functions on that bed. A faulty actuator will not work with any connection port.	Contact an Authorized Distributor or Drive Medical for assistance. 1-800-371-2266



Actuators are not working (cont.)	Faulty pendant.	Check pendant cord connection, power supply, Hi/Lo lockout is off and pendant is not functioning. Disconnect pendant cord connection with a functioning pendant if available. Connect and test functions.	Contact an Authorized Distributor or Drive Medical for assistance. 1-800-371-2266
Bed stalls while operating	Thermal shut down.	Bed works for a short period of time the cuts out. Check for obstructions or any interference with bed frame, such as window seal or too much weight on bed frame.	Wait a period of time before using the bed frame again. DO NOT keep trying to override this as it will shorten the life of your product. Bed is intended to be used for 2 min then allowed to rest for 20 min.
Bed not steering correctly	Bed is only moving straight forward not side to side.  Bed is moving side to side.	Steering mechanism (Bale) is down.  Steering mechanism (Bale) is up.	Push steering mechanism (Bale) up and bed will move in desired position.  Push steering mechanism (Bale) down and bed will move straight.
Bed is out of synchronization	The motor becomes unplugged.  The bed becomes caught on chair rail.	The motor becomes unplugged and it gets plugged back in and the synchronization is off.  The bed gets caught on the chair rail and it causes the bed to go into tilt position.	Remove at least one end on both of the Hi/Lo Actuators on the bed.  Retract the actuators all the way by pressing the bed up and down buttons at the same time.  Once both actuators have retracted fully-this can happen at different speeds-the green LED at the top of the handset will light, the controller will click and emit an audible beep.  System is now synchronized.



## **Drive Medical Warranty**

Drive Medical's #15903C Premier Long Term Care Beds are guaranteed for a 3 year period from the date of delivery. This guarantee is against defects in materials and craftsmanship, under normal use and service.

This 3-year warranty includes electrical and mechanical parts and components. Bed mounted accessories and Head/Foot boards are covered for 1 year. Welds are covered under a limited lifetime<sup>1</sup> warranty of the product. Steel structural components are covered under the 15-year warranty from the date of delivery. During the warranty period, defective items will be repaired or replaced at Drive's option at no charge.

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- ☐ 15 year warranty on structural steel frame.
- ☐ 3 year warranty on electrical and mechanical parts and components.
- 1 year warranty on all other parts and components.
- The Premier bed should only be used for its intended purpose and must be maintained and serviced in accordance with the instructions contained in this User Manual
- This warranty will not apply if damage or mechanical failure is caused by abuse, improper assembly/ use/cleaning/repair, accident, negligence, unauthorized alteration, or use in inappropriate environmental conditions, or failure to maintain the product consistent with user and service instructions.
- Any change, adjustments, or repair not performed by an Authorized Distributor or technician, will void the warranty.
- This warranty is extended only to the original owner who purchased this product new and unused from Drive Medical or a Drive Medical Authorized dealer/Distributor. Warranty is not extended and is not transferable or assignable to any subsequent purchaser or future owners.
- Drive Medical's liability shall not exceed the original purchase price of this product.
- Any Repair work or replacement components provided shall not extend the warranty beyond the original warranty period.
- Request for Warranty coverage must be accompanied by valid serial number from the bed. Coverage is void if serial number has been removed, defaced, or altered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Weld life time defined as 20 years from date of delivery



#### **PARTS**

Long Term Care beds contain a variety of parts that wear from normal use. Some products are not covered under the 3-year warranty but do fall under the 90-day warranty, such as DC batteries. Drive Medical's responsibility under this warranty is limited to supplying replacement parts, servicing or replacing, at its option, which is found to be faulty by Drive Medical.

Warranty replacement parts are covered by the warranty until the product's 3-year warranty period expires. For warranty replacement, Drive Medical may request that broken parts be sent back to them for evaluation. A credit will be issued only after the inspection.

#### **SERVICE**

A majority of service requests can be handled by the facility maintenance department with assistance from the Authorized Distributor's technical support dept.

Most parts can be shipped next day air at the customer's expense.

#### **Bed Frame Serial Numbers**

When ordering parts or contacting an Authorized Distributor's Customer Service Department, please include bed's model and serial numbers, found on the identification labels. The identification labels are located under the sleep deck on the frame rail below the head section on either side of the bed.

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## **APPENDIX**

#### SPECIAL NOTE

For your convenience, we have provided the January 2008 addition of the FDA's guide to bed safety. This information from the FDA's brochure, published by Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup, is replicated verbatim; the latest version is available at <a href="http://www.fda.gov">http://www.fda.gov</a>.

#### A Guide to Bed Safety Bed Rails in Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Home Health Care: The Facts

#### **Bed Rail Entrapment Statistics**

Today there are about 2.5 million hospital and nursing home beds in use in the United States. Between 1985 and 2008, 772 incidents of residents\* caught, trapped, entangled, or strangled in beds with rails were reported to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Of these reports, 460 people died, 136 had a nonfatal injury, and 176 were not injured because staff intervened. Most residents were frail, elderly or confused.

\*NOTE: In this brochure, the term resident refers to a resident of a nursing home, any individual receiving services in a home care setting, or residents in hospitals.

#### **Resident Safety**

Residents who have problems with memory, sleeping, incontinence, pain, uncontrolled body movement, or who get out of bed and walk unsafely without assistance, must be carefully assessed for the best ways to keep them from harm, such as falling. Assessment by the resident's health care team will help to determine how best to keep the resident safe.

Historically, physical restraints (such as vests, ankle or wrist restraints) were used to try to keep residents safe in health care facilities. In recent years, the health care community has recognized that physically restraining residents can be dangerous. Although not indicated for this use, bed rails are sometimes used as restraints. Regulatory agencies, health care organizations, product manufactures and advocacy groups encourage hospitals, nursing homes and home care providers to assess residents' needs and to provide safe care without restraints.

The Benefits and Risks of Bed Rails

#### Potential benefits of bed rails include:

- Aiding in turning and repositioning within the bed.
- Providing a hand-hold for getting into or out of bed.
- Providing a feeling of comfort and security.
- Reducing the risk of residents falling out of bed when being transported.
- Providing easy access to bed controls and personal care items.

#### Potential risks of bed rails may include:

- Strangling, suffocating, bodily injury or death when residents or part of their body are caught between rails or between the bed rails and mattress.
- More serious injuries from falls when residents climb over rails.
- Skin bruising, cuts, and scrapes.
- Inducing agitated behavior when bed rails are used as a restraint.



- Feeling isolated or unnecessarily restricted.
- Preventing residents, who are able to get out of bed, from performing routine activities such as going to the bathroom or retrieving something from a closet.

#### Meeting Resident's Needs for Safety

Most residents can be in bed safely without bed rails. Consider the following:

- Use beds that can be raised and lowered close to the floor to accommodate both resident and health care worker needs.
- Keep the bed in the lowest position with wheels locked.
- When the resident is at risk of falling out of bed, place mats next to the bed, as long as this does not create a greater risk of accident.
- Use transfer or mobility aids.
- Monitor residents frequently.
- Anticipate the reasons residents get out of bed such as hunger, thirst, going to be the bathroom, restlessness and pain; meet these needs by offering food and fluids, scheduling ample toileting, and providing calming interventions and pain relief.

When bed rails are used, perform an on-going assessment of the resident's physical and mental status; closely monitor high-risk residents. Consider the following:

- Lower one or more sections of the bed rail, such as the foot rail.
- Use a proper size mattress or mattress with raised foam edges to prevent residents from being trapped between the mattress and rail.
- Reduce the gaps between the mattress and side rails.

Which Ways of Reducing Risk are Best?

A process that requires ongoing resident evaluation and monitoring will result in optimizing bed safety. Many residents go through a period of adjustment to become comfortable with new options. Residents and their families should talk to their health care planning team to find out which options are best for them.

Resident or Family Concerns About Bed Rail Use

If residents or family ask about using bed rails, health care providers should:

- Encourage residents or family to talk to their health care planning team to determine whether or not bed rails are indicated.
- Reassure residents and their families that in many cases the resident can sleep safely without bed rails.
- Reassess the need for using bed rails on a frequent regular basis.

To report an adverse event or medical device problem, please call FDA's MedWatch Reporting Program at 1-800-FDA-1088.

For additional copies of this brochure, see the FDA's website at <a href="http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/beds/">http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/beds/</a>.
For more information about this brochure, contact Beryl Goldman at 610-335-1280 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:bgoldman@kendaloutreach.org">bgoldman@kendaloutreach.org</a>. She has volunteered to answer questions. For information regarding a specific hospital bed, contact the bed manufacturer directly.



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- Medical Devices Bureau, Health Canada
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- National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
- National Resident Safety Foundation
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