Algorithm 2: Lateral Transfer To and From: Bed to Stretcher, Trolley
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Partially Able or Not At All Able

Can patient assist?

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> 200 Pounds: Use a friction reducing device and 3 caregivers.

Yes

< 200 Pounds: Use a friction reducing device.

Caregiver assistance not needed; Stand by for safety as needed.

- Surfaces should be even for all lateral patient moves.
- For patients with Stage III or IV pressure ulcers, care must be taken to avoid shearing force.
- During any patient transferring task, if any caregiver is required to lift more than 35 bs. of a patient's weight, then the patient should be considered to be fully dependent and assistive devices should be used for the transfer.
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The first decision point in this algorithm is whether or not the patient can assist. If they are partially able or not at all able and less than 200 pounds, use a friction reducing device. If they are partially able or not at all able and greater than 200 pounds, use a friction reducing device and 3 caregivers.

If the patient can assist, caregiver assistance is not needed, but they should stand by for safety.

General Notes:

- Surfaces should be even for all lateral patient moves.
- For patients with Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers, care must be taken to avoid shearing force.
- During any patient transferring task, if any caregiver is required to lift more than 35 pounds of a patient’s weight, then the patient should be considered to be fully dependent and assistive devices should be used for the transfer.