

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Resident Care	SUBJECT: Bath Trolley	SECTION: B
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BATH TROLLEY

POLICY:

To provide an alternative bathing system for residents unable to sit upright in a tub in a safe manner due to contractures and/or other physical illnesses.

PROCEDURE:

Communicating closely with the resident, transfer the resident from his/her bed to the bath trolley:

1. Lower the bedrail on the side where the transfer will take place. Make sure that the opposing bedrail is raised. Turn resident on his/her side.
2. Lower the side support of the trolley on the side facing the bed and turn edge of the mattress down.
3. Move the trolley over to the bed as close as possible to the resident and lower it to the bed mattress using the foot pedal located on the frame. Apply the brakes.
4. Lower the other side support and roll the resident over onto the trolley mattress. Raise the side rail closest to you ensuring that the resident is lying in the middle of the trolley both length and breath-wise.
5. Raise the trolley slightly. Using the foot pedal, release the brakes and wheel away from the bed just enough to raise the other side rail.
6. Ensure the resident is covered properly and not exposed. Wheel the resident to the shower. Provide reassurance to the resident.
7. When arriving at the tub room, the head of the trolley should proceed through the entry way first. Position the trolley in the shower area. Lock the brakes. Place the hose into the drain or, using the supplied plug, plug the drain hole at the foot of the mattress.
8. Set the water at the desired temperature.

9. Resident can be turned side to side in the trolley to enable the PSW to meet the resident's hygienic needs.
10. If using the drain plug, unplug the drain and ensure the hose is in place in the drain on the floor. Drain the existing water around the resident. Towel dry the resident. You may dress the resident on the trolley or return to the room to finish care.
11. When transferring a resident from their own chair to the trolley using the Arjo lift, ensure the resident is properly positioned in the center of the mattress with both side rails raised prior to portering to the tub room.

N.B. – Reverse the previous instructions for transferring the resident back to bed.

The Policy and Procedure set up for purging of this system should be maintained.