**Generic Load Moving and Handling Risk Assessment Form**

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| **Site / Hospital** | All Hospitals | **Reference No.** |  |
| **Department** | Areas with an Arjo Alenti or Ambulift bathing hoist | **Date of Assessment** | 1/4/05 |
| **Assessor** | Cameron Raeburn | **Local Manager** |  |
| **Operation / Activity Being Assessed** |
| Use of the restraining lap strap on the Arjo Alenti or Ambulift bathing hoist. |
| **Manual Handling Risks Associated With The Activity**List hazards associated with lifting, lowering, pushing, pulling, twisting, carrying and working in an awkward posture. The risks involved may include issues relating to; the **Task** – carrying long distances, stooping twisting etc or involving equipment – is it maintained, in good working order etc; the  **Individual** – previous / current health problems, pregnancy etc; the **Load** – heavy, unstable, sharp, hot etc; the **Environment** – space, flooring, lighting etc; **Other** Factors including  |
| Arjo recommend the use of the restraining lap strap to reduce the risk of the patient sliding forwards off the hoist and subsequent increase risk of the patient toppling the hoist, however, use of this strap may introduces other risks:* Use of the strap does not remove the risk of the patient sliding off the hoist during immersion. If the patient does slide off with the strap in situ it would be extremely difficult to rescue the situation as the patient would be effectively pinned
* Strap design is an infection control risk and would need to be changed (and laundered) between each patient
* If the patient leans excessively forwards over the securing arm of the hoist, the hoist may topple. The strap does not stop this from happening as the patient can still lean excessively far forward, however, with the strap in place the hoist will fall on top of the patient.
* Fitting of belt securely may increase risk to patients with poor skin integrity, surgical wounds and drains
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| **Current Control Measures** Only mention those control measure currently in place and not what you intend to put in place. In addition to noting the current control measures, you should identify any problems associated with the measure e.g. a task previously assessed and communicated to staff as requiring 2 people that is still often done by one person |
| See below |
| **Further Control measures Required** |
| With regards the hazards identified above from using the restraining strap with the Arjo Alenti or Ambulift, it is recommended that the strap is not used, however, the following control measures must be in place and communicated to all relevant staff:* Individual patient risk assessment should identify that the patient has reasonable sitting balance and is compliant, otherwise the Alenti should not be used.
* The Alenti safety bar should be in down in front of the patient at all times when the patient is in the hoist
* To reduce the risk of the patent sliding off the Alenti during immersion, do not lower the hoist to the floor of the bath (leave it approx 2-4 inches off the base of the bath) and utilise a foot block in the bath where appropriate
* Before removing the patient from the bath, reposition the patient in an upright sitting posture
* Report via DATIX any adverse incidents/near misses
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| **Risk Level** | **LOW** | **X** | **MEDIUM** |  | **HIGH** |  | **Very High** |  |  |
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| **Date** | 1/4/2005 | 12/9/2012 |  |  |
| **Signature** | C Raeburn | C Raeburn |  |  |
| **Proposed review date** |  |  |  |  |