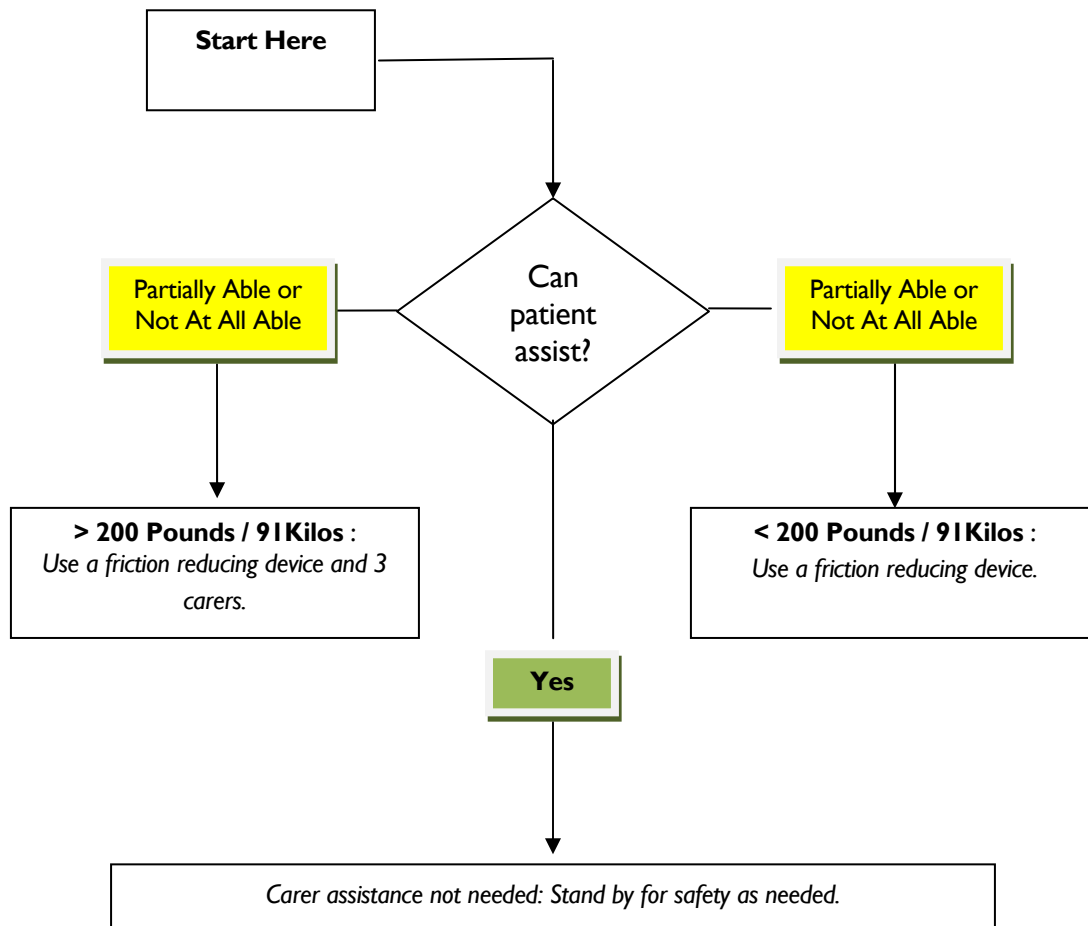


## Algorithm 2: Lateral Transfer To and From: Bed to Stretcher, Trolley

Last rev. 01/04/05



- 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 carer is required to lift more than 35 lbs/16kg. of a patient's weight, then the patient should be considered to be fully dependent and assistive devices should be used for the transfer

**Reproduced by kind permission of Audrey Nelson.**

Note that we have used the original document but changed the terminology where appropriate, for instance adding weights in Kilograms to the originally shown Pounds

**Developed By:**

VISN 8 Patient Safety Center | 1605 N. Nebraska Avenue 673/118M Tampa, FL 33612-5738

<http://www.visn8.med.va.gov/patientsafetycenter/>

**Center Director:** Audrey Nelson, PhD, RN, FAAN

## Algorithm 2: Lateral Transfer to and from: Bed to Stretcher, Trolley

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 200lbs/90kg, use a slide sheet or transfer board? If they are partially able or not at all able and greater than 200lbs/90kg, use a slide sheet or transfer board and 3 carers.

If the patient can assist, carer 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 35lbs/16kg of a patient's weight, then the patient should be considered to be fully dependent and assistive devices should be used for the transfer.

**Reproduced by kind permission of Audrey Nelson.**

Note that we have used the original document but changed the terminology where appropriate, for instance adding weights in Kilograms to the originally shown Pounds

### Developed By:

VISN 8 Patient Safety Center | 1605 N. Nebraska Avenue 673/118M Tampa, FL 33612-5738

<http://www.visn8.med.va.gov/patientsafetycenter/>

**Center Director:** Audrey Nelson, PhD, RN, FAAN