

EZ Way Smart Lift® Competency Checklist

Purpose: To assist in the proper training of operating the EZ Way Smart Lift®.

Staff Name: _____ Date: _____ Observed by: _____

Yes No

1. EZ Way Smart Lift® Pre-Operation Check

- a) Demonstrate how to turn EZ Way Smart Lift® on/off.
- b) Demonstrate how and when to change batteries.
- c) What are the 3 different methods to raise/lower the resident/patient?
- d) Locate emergency stop button and its purpose.
- e) Locate safety release button.
- f) Check to ensure sling is in good condition, no excessive wear (loops, etc.).

2. EZ Way Smart Lift® Operation

- a) Do you lock the wheels? Why or why not?
- b) Demonstrate proper fitting of sling to the resident/patient.
- c) Do you cross the legs of the sling?
- d) Explain the different loops and their usage for positioning.
- e) Demonstrate proper attachment of sling to lift.
- f) What are the 3 straps on the back of the sling for?

3. EZ Way Smart Lift® - Sling Removal

- a) Demonstrate proper removal of sling from resident/patient.

For any questions or concerns, please refer to the operator's instructions or the EZ Way Smart Lift® video.

ANSWERS: 1a) Located on control panel. 1b) Change when meter nearing "E" (empty) or "Swap Battery" appears on display or if "Emergency Stop" appears yet button is not in down position. Remove battery by grasping handle and pulling towards body – insert charged battery in battery housing. 1c) Using buttons on hand control - toggle switches on sides of control panel. "up" and "down" button on face of control panel. 1d) Red button located on top of boom – unit will not operate when button is in down position. 1e) Red tab located at base of actuator shaft. 1f) Look for intact stitching & seams, look for fraying or ripped loops and/or material, inspect material for excessive wear by holding up to light. 2a) Never lock the wheels of an EZ Way Smart Lift® when lifting or transferring a patient. Unit self-adjusts center of gravity, wheels need to be unlocked to allow for this adjustment. 2b) At a minimum, top of sling to top of "horseshoe" portion of sling should run from patient's neckline to at least 2-inches below the tailbone, respectively. 2c) Crossing legs is the safest procedure. Multi-purpose sling may be used to cradle legs instead of threading straps between legs to cross. Caregiver must assess condition of patient to determine if this is appropriate. 2d) Leg loops: Shorter loops recline patient further; longer loops place body in upright sitting position. Shoulder loops: Longer loops recline patient; shorter loops place in upright sitting position. 2e) Once sling is applied underneath a patient, attach two loops of same color nearest the head and shoulders to the hangar bar hooks closest to the head. Once legs of sling have been fitted underneath legs and crossed, attach two loops of same color to the hangar bar hooks located nearest the feet. Ensure all loops securely fastened to hooks before lifting. 2f) Straps are for guiding patient and rotating patient while suspended; Also helps with upright seated positioning when the middle strap is held stationary, just prior to seating patient. 3a) If supine, log roll patient to one side folding half of sling and tuck under patient. Roll patient in other direction and remove entire sling from under patient. If seated, gently pull legs of sling or sling from under patient's legs placing sling legs to side of patient. Grasp middle handle and gently pull upward, removing sling from behind patient.