Supine to Prone Step-by-Step Walkthrough | Steps 1-6



Checklist before you begin:

Equipment and sling are the correct SWL

DO NOT PROCEED if sling is damaged or equipment is not functioning correctly.

- Equipment and sling are in good working order
- Sling straps/loops do not migrate during lift





- Prepare patient (tubes/lines/drains) to move from supine to prone
- Centre and position lift and carry bar (parallel) over supine patient





- Attach shoulder & torso sling straps to top end of carry bar hooks
- Attach thigh & lower leg sling straps to bottom end of carry bar hooks
- Ensure caregivers manage head and feet if omitting head and feet straps





- Raise patient, while patient is secured in sling over bed, secure second positioning sling on bed
- Optional: To assist with lateral repositioning while turning add a slider sheet onto bed
- Optional: For increased bed surface for turning, position pillows next to bed rails





- Move elevated patient to side of bed and lower onto surface
- Remove straps on turning side and tuck and roll sling straps under patient
- Prepare patient to turn and prone, place head in direction of turn, arms by side of body, lower legs crossed at ankle





- Raise carry bar and patient will begin to turn
- Control turning to prone





- Once prone remove sling and optional slider sheet
- Position patient for comfort

Prone to Supine



Step-by-Step Walkthrough | Steps 7-11

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Moving patient from prone to supine, reverse the steps

- Prepare patient (tubes/lines/drains) to move from prone to supine
- Centre and position lift and carry bar (parallel) over prone patient
- Attach shoulder & torso sling straps to top end of carry bar hooks
- Attach thigh & lower leg sling straps to bottom end of carry bar hooks
- Ensure caregivers manage head and feet if omitting head and feet straps





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- Optional: To assist with lateral repositioning while turning add a slider sheet onto bed
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- Move elevated patient to side of bed and lower onto surface
- Remove straps on turning side and tuck and roll sling straps under patient
- Prepare patient to turn and move into supine position, place head away from direction of turn, arms by side of body, lower legs crossed at ankle





- Raise carry bar and patient will begin to turn
- · Control turning to supine





- Once prone remove sling and optional slider sheet
- Position patient for comfort