

Steps for Determining Ceiling Lift Need

To determine how many ceiling lifts your department needs to accommodate most of the patients who need lift equipment as part of the Safe Patient Handling and Movement Program, please complete the following steps:

Step 1: Determine Average % of Patients Requiring Ceiling Lifts:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Average \% of Total Dependent Patients*} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ + & \text{ Average \% of Patients Requiring Extensive Assistance* } \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ = & \text{ **Average \% of Patients Requiring Ceiling Lifts** } \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Determine # of Rooms Requiring Ceiling Lifts:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Average \% of Patients Requiring Ceiling lifts} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (from Step 1)} \\ \times & \text{ Total Patient Census in Department } \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ = & \text{ **\# Rooms Requiring Ceiling Lifts** } \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Determine # of Ceiling Lift Motors Still Needed:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{\# Rooms Requiring Ceiling Lifts} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (from Step 2)} \\ - & \text{ Current \# of Ceiling Lift Motors } \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ = & \text{ **\# of Ceiling Lift Motors Needed** } \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{aligned}$$

Step 4: Complete Budget Proposal/Order for:

$$\text{\# of Ceiling Lift Motors Needed} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (from Step 3)}$$

***Definitions:**

- Total Dependence: Cannot help at all with transfers; full staff assistance for activity. Requires total transfer at all times.
- Extensive Assistance: Can perform part of activity; usually can follow simple directions, may require tactile cueing, can bear some weight, sit up with assistance, has some upper body strength, or may be able to pivot transfer. Help provided for weight-bearing transfers or may require a total transfer.