

Safe Patient Handling Committee Roundtable Discussion Points

Day 1

SPH Committee Stakeholders:

- Frontline workers
- Managers
- Night Shift
- Patient/resident Council rep
- \$ People
- Environmental
- Laundry
- Engineering
- Union Rep
- Educators
- State Insurance Fund

SPH Law:

- Committee Co-Chairs:
 - Management and Labor
 - 50% non-managerial frontline workers

Questions:

- Q1 – Is “restraint” considered part of patient handling?
 - A1 – Yes
- Q2 – Does law require hands on training?
 - A2 – Yes
- Q3 – Are assessment templates available?
 - A3 – Yes:
 - WNYCOSH.org
 - Kaleida Health (www.zeroliftfornny.org) look under 9th annual SPH Conference tab
 - NY State Insurance Fund

Day 2

Committee Challenges:

- Attendance
- Staffing
- Attitudes – “SPH not important”

- Lack of knowledge
- Preemption by other priorities
- Unawareness of regulatory requirement
- Poor communication
- Inadequate time commitment
- Subordination to general safety/EOC committee

SPH Program challenges:

- Staff not using equipment (employees don't like, patient/resident don't like...)
- Remedies – Communication (kiosks, ...)
- Readily accessible patient/resident
- Involve/invite people in power to attend meetings
- Try to at least make the case for pilot initiatives
- Include staff (from SPH Committee) on assessment walk-throughs
- Justification for capital expense – cost of employee injuries and cost of patient injuries