Support and Safety for Bariatric Patients

Dynamic Medical and Gendron have partnered to create the exclusive Bariatric Assist Rail.

Standard bed rails are a patient safety concern for many facilities. Arguments against the use of bed rails stem from entrapment, injury or even death; but the alternative is using no rails increasing the risk for resident falls that can often result in death or serious injury. All too often facilities are faced with a no win situation. This is especially true for bariatric residents where risk of falling adds the challenge of lifting the resident back into bed. Additionally, repositioning of bariatric residents is hard on the staff without support from the resident. Dynamic Medical provides the first solution that offers both safety and support.

What is the Bariatric Assist Rail?

- It is not a restraint and does not have the spacing issues that could cause injury if used properly.
- Built small and light weight, yet strong enough to support the force of a bariatric resident.
- Has the ability to pivot to three different positions enabling the resident to feel safe and secure no matter where they are on the bed.
- Provides a sense of safety and security that residents lack with no rails.
- Makes it easier for the nursing staff, by enabling residents to assist in positioning and getting out of bed.
- Provides a sense of independence to the resident who is now able to do more things on their own or with less assistance.
- Ensures corporate policies are followed against the use of standard bed rails.
- Facilities are happier because resident’s needs are being met while also providing safety and security.

The Bariatric Assist Rails are smaller in size and used as a positioning bar, much like a grab bar for resident repositioning. When used properly the assist rails are not considered a restraint, rather a safe alternative that provides a solution for the resident to assist staff in positioning, thus making it safer for both staff and resident to reposition in bed and providing some form of independence to an otherwise dependent resident.

Traditional Bed Rail:  Bariatric Assist Rail:

GENDRON STATEMENT: Because the bariatric bed assist rails are very similar in construction and create a wider space for patient access, according to the FDA and UL entrapment guidelines, Gendron does not believe these assist rails when properly installed, create an opportunity for entrapment for bariatric patients. **Assist Rail max weight capacity is the same as the Gendron bed.**