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Below are some suggestions from our DMC Ergonomics Committee:

- 1) It is unclear at times who the target audience is (management, nursing, nursing students). The primary audience seems to be nursing supervisors/management.
- 2) The clear emphasis of the presentation is the justification, selection and use of lift assist equipment ranging from gait belts to total lifts.
- 3) The document does not discuss any other back injury prevention strategy (i.e. body mechanics).
- 4) The video clip is embedded into the slide and cannot be enlarged and the audio is also diminished when the clip is run.
- 5) The algorithm section of the presentation is only an introduction to the algorithms and how they are used. This section does not go into a lot of detail.
- 6) One gets the sense that the individual sections were put together by different people. The format is not uniform throughout the document.
- 7) No focus on caregiver fitness.
- 8) No deficits mentioned regarding height factors, such as short versus tall in patients and staff.

Thank you. ck

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