



The Need for Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (SPHM) Standards

Development of the SPHM Standards

- Concept Testing
- Focus Groups
- Formation of Work Group and National Summit
- Setting the Foundation
- SPHM Standards Drafted
- Public Comment
- Review and Revisions

Trends and Issues Influencing the Development of the SPHM Standards

- A Paradigm Shift to Safety: The Elimination of Manual Handling
- Demographics and Characteristics of U.S. Healthcare Population
- Healthcare Recipient vs. Patient
- The Interprofessional Healthcare Team
- Continuum of Care
- Culture of Safety
- Use of SPHM to Promote Mobility and Improve Safety
- Safe Lifting Limits
- Evolution of SPHM Technology

- Barriers to SPHM Technology Use
- Learning Healthcare Systems
- Quality and Safety Measures
- SPHM Funding
- Return to Work
- Legal SPHM Requirements

Organization and Intent of the SPHM Standards

Interprofessional Standards of Safe Patient Handling and Mobility

- Standard 1. Establish a Culture of Safety
- Standard 2. Implement and Sustain a Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (SPHM) Program
- Standard 3. Incorporate Ergonomic Design Principles to Provide a Safe Environment of Care
- Standard 4. Select, Install, and Maintain SPHM Technology
- Standard 5. Establish a System for Education, Training, and Maintaining Competence
- Standard 6. Integrate Patient-Centered SPHM Assessment, Plan of Care, and Use of SPHM Technology
- Standard 7. Include SPHM in Reasonable Accommodation and Post-Injury Return to Work
- Standard 8. Establish a Comprehensive Evaluation System

Glossary

Appendix A. Evaluative Tools, Strategies, and Resources

Appendix B. Key Publications and Programs

References and Bibliography