

# POSITIONING, PULMONARY PATIENTS AND BED FRAMES

A Look At The Differences, Benefits and Challenges

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# *WHAT WE WILL LEARN*

Why a bed is more than just a bed for a patient with  
respiratory issues

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# ADVANCES IN PRACTICE AND HOW EXACTLY BEDS CAN HELP ACHIEVE THESE GOALS

**Sicker patients are moving more than ever before; ICU Mobility Initiatives and How Bed Features Can Help**

- Moving vented patients (SCCM, Society of Critical Medicine ICU Liberation)
  - Determining reasons preventing mobilization and reducing or removing them (SCCM, Society of Critical Medicine ICU Liberation)
- Sit to Stand
- Micro-Shifting (NPUAP, National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, 2014)
  - Turn slow and in small increments to allow for adaptation to moving
  - Benefit in beds with turn assist: consider platform versus inflation

**But First Healthcare Workers Thoughts  
on Beds**

# This is What They Said...

- ▶ Placement of controls is hard for patients to reach
- ▶ Patients constantly sliding down in bed
- ▶ Bed exit alarms too sensitive
- ▶ When I slept on one (snow storm) I felt the metal bar all night
- ▶ When I was a patient and on pain medicine it took three tries to find the right button
- ▶ Tables won't go under the bed
- ▶ It is hard to care for bariatric patients
- ▶ So Uncomfortable
- ▶ We need to match the bed to the need otherwise its just a mattress on a frame....**AHHH**

A RANDOM SAMPLING (PEOPLE I KNOW) ... AN  
*INFORMAL SURVEY OF 25 HEALTHCARE WORKERS*  
*NURSES, CARE TECHNICIANS AND NURSING STUDENTS*

**Sit  
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**Rotation Beds**

**Proning**

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**Kinetic Beds**

**Auto-Contour**

**Air Beds**

**Egress Position**

**Turn Assist**

AND THEN THERE IS A DAY IN THE LIFE.....



# We Have Come A Long Way:

Beds with side-rails were first seen:

- England
- 1815-1825

In 1874 Andrew Wuest and Son

- Sought patent on hinged head section
- This allowed for elevating the head of bed HOB

Willis Dew Gatch from Indiana University School of Medicine Invented

- First 3 section bed that had head and knee elevation
- At times called the Gatch Bed - modern day knee "gatch"



- Atelectasis: pain, sedation, positioning
  - Turn Assist – Chair - Mobilization Features
- ARDS: fluid, mucous, ventilation/perfusion problems
  - ALT/CLRT Prone
- Pneumonia: SOB \* SOB \* SOB
  - Chair mode - Auto-Contour
- COPD
  - What ever works!! Egress to a sitting position, bedside dangle, chair

- CHF
- Chair
- Sleep Apnea
- Lung Volume Changes; lobectomy, pneumonectomy
  - Turn Assist
- Abdominal distention impairing lung expansion
  - Bed in Chair Mode, knee gatch down to accommodate

**WHEN YOU NEED A FRIEND:  
THE HOSPITAL BED**

# DAILY CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Chair
  - The vertical position of the rib cage improves ventilation
  - The end of the bed creeper
- Head of Bed at 30 degrees
  - Hiner et al 2018, found in a study of clinical workers in a hospital that only 50% of nurses estimated vented patients had HOB at 30\* or higher – **How can beds help?**
    - **Indicators and one touch HOB at 30\* control button: prevent aspiration in VAP protocols (Wiggerman, 2014)**
- **Micro-shifting**
  - Comfort

- Mobilization Features
  - Technology that allows nursing to properly position patients unassisted to protect airway and reduce VAPS
  - Tools to facilitate sitting to active standing
  - **The CDC has identified Ventilator Associated Events as key factor in identifying strategies to prevent adverse vent outcomes(Klompas, 2015)**
    - Atelectasis, ARDS, Fluid Overload and Pneumonia are top contributors to VAE's
    - Prevention Strategy 3: Have a plan for early mobility (Klompas, 2015)



# ADVANCED

Rotation, CLRT/ALT and Proning

# WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY:

KINETIC; ALT/CLRT: KINETIC THERAPY IS A TURN OF AT LEAST 40 DEGREES SIDE TO SIDE, CLRT/ALT IS DEFINED AS A TURN OF LESS THAN 40 DEGREES , (AHRENS ET AL, 2004)

- ARDS Patients in Prague Hospital
  - ALT: Alternating Lateral Therapy (aka CLRT) Promising Data in 3 Documented Case Studies
  - Turned left and right at 30 degrees for one hour in each turn
  - One patient in semi-prone turned 10 and 30 degrees
  - All successfully extubated and survived
- Parallel Study in an Animal Model Continues
  - Studies consistently cite that more research is needed
- The use of CLRT decreases vent days (Swadener-Culpepper, 2007)
  - Standard feature on some ICU brands
  - May be added to others
- Use of CLRT can benefit more than lungs Vollman 2012, states:
  - Training in turning patients to help with the ability to adapt to man



(Dr. Othahol, 2017)

# What does the evidence say:

Three year observational study in European Hospital on Kinetic Therapy in patient with thoracic trauma: Goal Of therapy was preventative

Bed used in this study is considered rental/specialty Specifications: programmable

**Table 3** Observed complications (8.9 %, *n* = 8/89) that were related to CLRT

CLRT-related complications
Bed not available upon ICU admission ( <i>n</i> = 3, 3.4 %)
Intracranial hypertension due to CLRT ( <i>n</i> = 2, 2.2 %)
Prone positioning necessary to improve oxygenation ( <i>n</i> = 1, 1.1 %)
Early termination of CLRT due to defect bed ( <i>n</i> = 1, 1.1 %)
Disconnection of mechanical ventilation with CPR and ROSC within 30 s ( <i>n</i> = 1, 1.1 %)
<i>CPR</i> cardiopulmonal resuscitation, <i>ROSC</i> return of spontaneous circulation

**Table 4** Comparison of basic descriptors and outcome parameters between the CLRT study collective and data on patients with chest trauma published from the TR-DGU (Hildebrand et al. [1])

	CLRT study collective	TR-DGU	<i>p</i> value
<i>n</i>	76	188	–
Age (years)	43.9 (18.7)	39.1 (20.0)	0.073
Male (%)	71.1 (60.9–81.2)	76.1 (70.0–82.2)	0.490
ISS (pts.)	35.3 (12.2)	26.5 (6.8)	<0.001
AIS <sub>Thorax</sub> (pts.)	3.8 (0.8)	3.6 (0.7)	0.045
Motor vehicle accident (%)	61.8 (50.9–72.8)	62.8 (55.9–69.7)	0.842
Length of stay (ICU) (days)	11.9 (10.2)	15.8 (4.7)	<0.001
Mechanical ventilation (days)	7.8 (7.1)	11.1 (7.9)	0.002
Length of stay (days)	30.1 (27.5)	36.2 (24.2)	0.076
Sepsis or MOF (%)	18.9 (9.7–27.1)	14.4 (9.3–19.4)	0.524
ARDS (%)	5.3 (0.2–10.3)	9.0 (4.9–13.1)	0.438
Hospital mortality (%)	6.6 (1.0–12.2)	11.2 (6.7–15.7)	0.365

(Wutzler et al, 2017)

# WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY:

## PRONING AND PRONING BEDS

- Research says prone early and for extended periods (Bos, Loeches and Schultz, 2013).
- Beds in the prone patient:
  - *Consider proning on “regular” bed*
  - *Rentals are available: Study by Badani et al 2017, supports improved outcomes with patients on a brand specific proning bed with no unexpected complications*
  - *Rental beds: costly, challenging to use, special training required, weight limitations and delay to arrival*

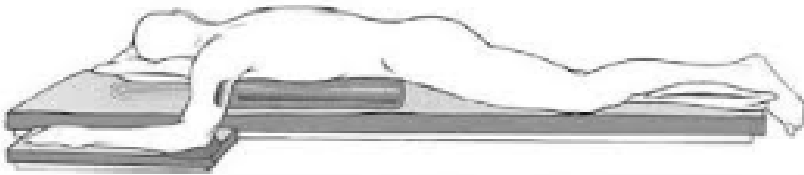


Fig. 15. Patient positioned prone on chest rolls. Note that positioning of arms can be some-  
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# WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY:

## POWERED DRAW SHEETS

*INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY THAT ASSISTS ONE NURSE TO OPTIMALLY POSITION PATIENTS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO PROTECT AIRWAY AND MAINTAIN VAP COMPLIANCE*

In the article the sliding patient, the question of the migrating patient was posed as not yet studied:

- Current research in powered draw sheets shows that improved boosting in a timely manner does decrease skin sheering and improve posture (Hermans & Call, 2015)
  - Better airway management (Wiggerman, 2014)
- Reduces risk of injury to caregiver  
Maintains patient dignity



# WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY: BARIATRIC:

- A bed that is too small makes patients uncomfortable, reduces the ability to mobilize patients and increases likelihood of injury to healthcare workers
- Beds are the equipment that are usually used the most by patients and caregivers
- There are no set standards on when to use special sized beds

(Wiggerman, Smith & Kumpar, 2017)

- Consider the use of beds with turn assist features and powered draw sheets

# STANDARD ICU BED

Features: Chair Position, Frame Based Turn,  
Mobilization Features

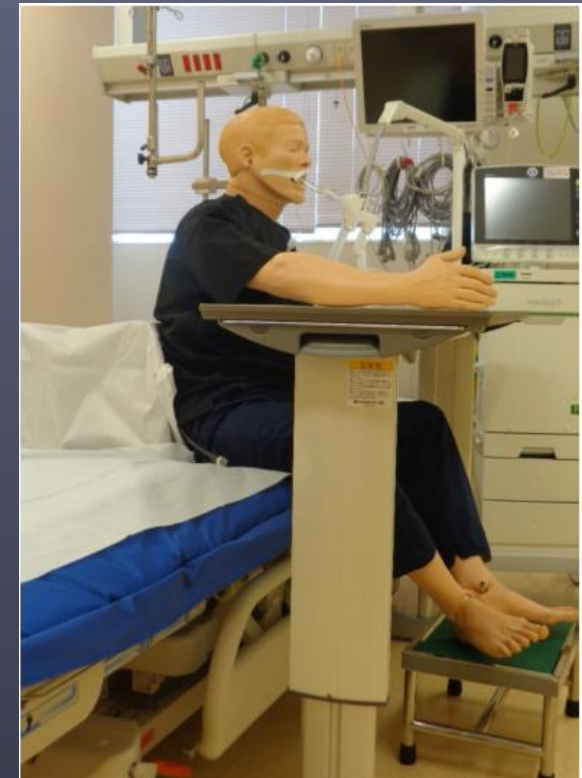
# WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY:

## BEDSIDE SITTING

- Gravity improves drainage
- Expands lung fields
- Decreases Atelectasis
- Improves Oxygenation (Umei et al, 2014)

### **Bed Considerations:**

- One touch buttons to assist in position changes
  - Assists caregiver with tube/line management
  - Ergonomic features to maintain position



### What exactly is Auto-Contour?

- When the head and knee rise together to prevent patients sliding down in bed
  - Standard on some bed configurations
  - Bed design impacts patient movement down in bed, more so than the Auto-Contour feature (Wiggerman, 2014)

## **WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY:**

AUTO-CONTOUR (SLIDING - PATIENT) CARDIAC CHAIR MOBILITY  
FEATURES, BEDSIDE SITTING

Make your life easier

# A CALL TO ACTION: PRACTICE CHANGE

“Evidence based medicine should not kill the medical reasoning”  
How many patient’s died waiting for the evidence”

Dr. Luciano Gattinoni 2013 ESICM Lives 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

- Engage in decision making on bed purchasing and rentals
- Learn about the beds you currently use
- Is it possible to implement protocols that include the what your beds are capable or
- Gather data and examine what you collect

THANK YOU .....

SEE YOU AT NTI

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