



**Safe Patient Handling Equipment:  
HoverMatt  
SKILLS CHECKLIST FOR SINGLE SURFACE PRONING A PATIENT**

Equipment: 2 HoverMatts and 1 Air Supply	<b>Name (print):</b>
Validator (print):	<b>Date:</b>
	<b>Patient Care Unit/Dept.:</b>

	<b><i>Performance Criteria</i></b>	<b><i>Validator Initials</i></b>
	Follow facility process for safety during proning (e.g. medicating, placing gastric tubes, securing lines/tubes and airway management). Make sure there are at least five caregivers present for this task and identify the job of each: two to turn the patient, two to receive the patient and one to manage the airway and guide the patient's head.	
	Max inflate low air loss bed mattress. Place air supply on sending side of bed. Place one HoverMatt under patient if not already present.	
	Caregiver at head end positions patient's head appropriately for turn	
	Use pillowcase to secure patient's arm on receiving side	
	Place HoverCover on top of patient then place any pillows/gel rolls <u>off center</u> on top of HoverCover towards receiving side for off-loading areas at risk for pressure injury and second matt on top of patient (bottom side up).	
	Fold top of second HoverMatt to patient's shoulders and align on sender's side (side opposite ventilator) along patient's shoulder/hip line	
	Clip two matts together with patient safety strap(s) and tighten as tight as possible tucking extra strap between matts. Velcro matts together (at hose connections) after securing air supply hose to bottom matt on sender side.	
	Two staff on receiving side (ventilator side) roll both matts together and grasp.	
	Two staff on sending side (opposite ventilator), grasp bottom matt only (palms up).	
	Once staff member at head verifies airway is secure, they will direct that the matt be inflated. After matt fully inflated, position patient toward sending side. Senders then begin lifting matt/patient and pushing toward receivers.	
	Simultaneously, receivers push down on matt to push air toward sending side and push forward to aid in moving patient toward receiving side and prone position. *Patient's weight will create momentum. Allow this momentum to help with pronation.	
	Once prone, turn off air supply, unfasten matts, remove top matt/pads and use bottom matt to position patient in center of bed.	
	Reconnect/secure any disconnected lines/tubes/etc. Follow facility process for safety post-proning.	

The above skills have been successfully demonstrated:	<b>I agree with the Validator that I feel competent performing the above skills:</b>