

**Safe Patient Handling Equipment:
HoverMatt® PROS™ Sling
SKILLS CHECKLIST FOR USING AS A SLING (Patient in Bed)**

Equipment: HoverMatt PROS Sling	Name (print):
Validator (print):	Date:
	Patient Care Unit/Dept.:

	<i>Performance Criteria</i>	<i>Validator Initials</i>
1.	If patient is in bed when PROS Sling is placed, first raises bed to appropriate ergonomic height. Ensures bed wheels are locked before placing device.	
2.	Positions PROS Sling correctly using log rolling technique. Raises side rails if using single caregiver.	
3.	Ensures that lift is in proper working order and is positioned appropriately with hanger bar in place and centered over patient (per hospital protocol and lift instructions).	
4.	Attaches sling straps starting with the straps closest to patient's head to hanger bar. Then attaches the shoulder, hip, and foot straps to the hanger bar.	
5.	Ensures color coded loops are matched appropriately right side to left side and that strap loops are placed allowing for appropriate positioning of the patient.	
6.	Follows facility protocol and lift instructions to transfer patient from bed to stretcher (or to perform other tasks).	
7.	After ensuring that patient is properly positioned on receiving surface, detaches support strap loops from hanger bar and attaches Velcro® hook to Velcro loop to avoid dangling.	
8.	To return patient to bed, accurately positions lift and hanger bar and properly reattaches support strap loops to hanger bar.	
9.	Follows facility protocol and lift instructions to lift patient; positions patient above center of bed. Lowers patient onto bed.	
10.	Detaches support strap loops from hanger bar and loosely attaches corner sling strap Velcro hook to Velcro loop around solid points on the bedframe (or to the headboard).	
The above skills have been successfully demonstrated:		I agree with the Validator that I feel competent performing the above skills: