

Basic Lessons for Understanding Equipment

Bed Side Rails

Patient: M|SITE.SHIP_TO_NAME

Patient ID: M|CUSTOMER.PATIENT_ID

Model #: Select

Serial #:

Date: M|C|CURRENTDATE

Setting Up Your Equipment

- Your equipment provider will properly set up your bedside rails.

Using Your Equipment

- To lock side rails in the upright positions, simply pull up until rails automatically lock into position.
- To lower side rails, locate the release pins at the head and foot ends of the rails, pull the pin until that side of the rail lowers and automatically drops into position.

Maintenance

- Basic household cleaners can be used to keep your equipment clean and in proper working order.
- Check frequently for malfunctions, and report any to your equipment provider immediately.

Safety Issues

- When raising or lowering side rails, make sure all extremities, both patient and caregiver, are clear of the rails.
- Most side rails are telescoping. When raising or lowering the head or foot portions of the hospital bed, keep hands and feet away from the telescoping area located in the middle of the bed rails.
- Side rails are not meant to be weight-bearing and should not be used to assist in transferring a patient in or out of bed.
- Avoid gaps between mattress and bedside rails where bodily harm may occur. Proper mattress size and/or raised mattress edges may help prevent gaps.

**** Please contact your equipment provider for any questions, adjustments, or repairs. ****

All Medicare DMEPOS suppliers must be in compliance with CMS Supplier Standards in order to obtain and retain their billing privileges. These standards, in their entirety, are listed in 42 C.F.R. pt. 424, sec 424.57(c). A supplier must disclose these standards to all customers/patients who are Medicare beneficiaries (standard 16). Supplier Standard 12 includes "A supplier ...must instruct beneficiaries on use of Medicare covered items".