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USE OF THE MERRY WALKER® AND "NEVER EVENTS" IN HOSPITALS

The Merry Walker is the only WALKER/CHAIR COMBINATION product on the market that was developed to address two "Never Events"; formation of pressure ulcers and patient falls.

The 27 "Never Events"

This is the list compiled by the National Quality Forum, describing 27 mistakes that are so serious they should never happen:

1. Surgery on the wrong body part
2. Surgery on the wrong patient
3. Wrong surgical procedure performed on a patient
4. Object left in patient after surgery
5. Death of a patient, who had been generally healthy, during or immediately after surgery for a localized problem
6. Patient death or serious disability associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics
7. Patient death or serious disability associated with the misuse or malfunction of a device
8. Patient death or serious disability associated with intravascular air embolism
9. Infant discharged to the wrong person
10. Patient death or serious disability associated with patient disappearing for more than four hours
11. Patient suicide or attempted suicide resulting in serious disability
12. Patient death or serious disability associated with a medication error

13. Patient death or serious disability associated with transfusion of blood or blood products of the wrong type
14. Maternal death or serious disability associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy
15. Patient death or serious disability associated with the onset of hypoglycemia, a drop in blood sugar
16. Death or serious disability associated with failure to identify and treat hyperbilirubinemia, a blood abnormality, in newborns

17. Severe pressure ulcers acquired in the hospital

The lack of physical exercise and poor nutrition cause pressure ulcers to form. Walking patients in Merry Walkers stops the possibility of pressure ulcer formation.

17. Patient death or serious disability due to spinal manipulative therapy
18. Patient death or serious disability associated with an electric shock
19. Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains the wrong gas or is contaminated by toxic substances
20. Patient death or serious disability associated with a burn incurred in the hospital

21. Patient death associated with a fall suffered in the hospital

When patients are walked in Merry Walkers, fall rates drop. Patients are safe walking with staff or independently.

22. Patient death or serious disability associated with the use of restraints or bedrails
23. Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed healthcare provider
24. Abduction of a patient
25. Sexual assault on a patient
26. Death or significant injury of a patient or staff member resulting from a physical assault in the hospital



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