

Caring for the Bariatric Population Quest for Center of Excellence

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Cascade Healthcare Community

Private, not-for-profit corporation

Largest Employer in Central Oregon, 3000+employees, 350
active medical staff

St. Charles Medical Centers, Bend and Redmond

Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Prineville

St. Charles Medical Center:

Bend, OR

Level 2 Trauma Center

261 total beds

Bariatric COE 2008



Equipment, Equipment, Equipment

- One of the more challenging components of the process
- Scope of project kept growing
- Realization that most of our equipment was not labeled with weight capacities
- Accurate inventory, like “herding cats”
- Departmental experts were invaluable

SPH equipment

- Added 2 ceiling lifts in 2008, 2 more scheduled for 2009 (retro fit installation)
- Bariatric sit to stand
- Slide tubes for repositioning
- Hover mat
- Slippers
- Omega 300

Medical Equipment

- Radiology exam tables
- OR tables
- Gurneys
- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Commodes
- Shower chairs
- Evacuation equipment

Process

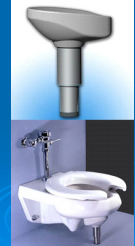
- Departmental responsibility to know weight capacity of their equipment
- Asked Facilities to incorporate into PM schedule....doesn't apply to all equipment though
- Capital buyer on original committee; assuring best weight capacity on all equipment; standardized to 700# for gurneys, etc

Furniture

- Most furniture does not indicate weight capacity anywhere
- Challenging to track down vendors, manufacturer's for waiting room furniture
- Replaced deli chairs changing weight capacity from 200# to 350#, steel frame
- Scope expanded again...what about other ADA issues with furniture

Toilets!!

- Original building 1975, most toilets wall mounted, 350# weight capacity
- Added "toilet jacks" increased capacity to 1000#
- Defined specific areas for Bariatric surgery patient flow initially, goal to expand for all areas
- Facilities crew our champions
- Toilet seat a challenge for average size employees



Future goals

- Standardization across campuses
- Accommodate patients of size throughout all facilities
- Bariatric surgery rooms