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|  <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p> | <p>SECTION C: PHYSIOLOGICAL ADAPTATION</p> <p>CHAPTER 10: PSYCHIATRIC INTERVENTIONS AND SPECIAL PROCEDURES</p> <p>Policy and Procedure: 10.13 Posey Keepsafe Self-Releasing Chair Belt Alarm</p> |
| <p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p> | <p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Connecticut Valley Hospital</p> |

Standard of Practice:

The registered nurse will assess the patient for the need of a monitoring device when it becomes evident that the patient needs a reminder to call for assistance before ambulating.

The registered nurse will make use of this monitoring device to assist with caring for the patient who may have a potential of falling.

Standard of Care:

The patient can expect a monitoring device to be used that will alert the staff that assistance may be needed when ambulating.

Purpose:

The Posey Keepsafe Chair Belt Alarm is designed to give caregivers the earliest possible warning of a potential fall. The alarm sounds the instant the self-release button is pressed.

Note: This device is **Not** to be used if the patient is unable to self-release the product, as it would then be a restraint.

Procedure:

1. Position the patient's hips against the back of the chair and buckle safety belt. Adjust belt size by pulling loose strap. Belt should be snug, but caregiver should be able to slide open hand (flat) between device and patient.
2. Turn the alarm unit ON using the switch on top of the unit. The green power light will blink to indicate the unit is on. Select alarm tone by depressing the tone selector button on the side of the unit. This will produce a brief two (2) second audio demonstration of each tone. The last tone sample heard will be the tone selected.

3. Turn the alarm unit OFF using switch on top of unit when assisting patient out of chair (ADL care, ambulation).
4. A single nine (9) volt battery provides up to 280 hours of continuous alarm. Unit is equipped with an audible low battery warning. Replace battery when low and inform charge nurse.

Cleaning the Unit:

1. Wipe with liquid disinfectant, if soiled.
2. Keep dry, **do not** submerge in liquids.

Documentation:

When the chair belt alarm is used, the registered nurse will document rationale and duration of use of each shift.

A. Shift to Shift Communication

When the Nurse Assist MC 700 Chair or Bed Sensor Alarm is ordered, the Registered Nurse ensures that the device is used and that its continued use is communicated during each change of shift report to the nursing staff member assigned to the patient.