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Greetings!

This draft training is fabulous. What a great tool. Very concise and informative. I have a couple of comments.

I think the first part of the presentation needs more graphics. It is lots of words, and some photos or video clips that accompany the narration would help to hold attention. Slide numbers would also be helpful. The video portion was excellent, with Audrey using just the right mix of pictures to get the point across.

The slide titled "Why use equipment" early in the presentation says that "Patients weigh too much" in the first bullet. I would like to see additional emphasis on this early on. I know Audrey touches on it later in the video portion, but this warped perception of "heavy" is so pervasive, I think additional mention is helpful - early. Many nurses think if a patient is "just" 100 pounds, that somehow that is not heavy.

I THINK I noticed that for the floor based lifts, in Audrey's video, I think she said they have a "powered base". If that is so, it may be confusing. I don't have time now to go back and be sure, so thought I would mention it.

In practice, facilities seem to struggle with the assessment piece the most. Some of our Oregon facilities are using this document as a supplement. Perhaps it could be integrated into the training. I do not have the full report - this is just an excerpt sample from their website:
http://control.ohsah.bc.ca/media/MSIP_web_sample.pdf

Thank you for the opportunity to review this!

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