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Comments
The use of patient lifts has risks for patients, mainly when equipment is not used correctly or is not maintained correctly. This has led to severe patient injury including deaths. The use of equipment should not be discouraged, but nurses should be aware of the risks to patients and the importance of allowing nurses to use their clinical judgement when using equipment.