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Comments

Focusing on nursing students is good, as they can learn prior to working in their field. But I think that there is a huge need for this in other healthcare related fields (CENA, therapies, etc.). Perhaps a generalized version could be considered that refers to all healthcare workers either in training, or as a periodic refresher training.

I like the focus on employee responsibility to evaluate patients and to execute proper lifts using equipment.

I think there could be more focus on proper manual handling of patients, illustrating the proper body mechanics for transfers, repositioning, assisting with ambulating, etc. The presentation shows some pictures of hazardous positioning, but some examples of proper positioning would be helpful for the real world situations where equipment use is not appropriate.