



Bed Evaluation Checklist

Test all controls.

- Are they user-friendly?
- Are they raised so the patient can feel them at night?

Raise and lower side rails.

- Are they easy to adjust?

Lock and unlock wheels.

- Are the locks large enough?
- Are the locks in an accessible location?

Roll bed a distance of 15 feet.

- Is the bed easy to move?

Remove headboard.

- Is it easy to remove?

Get into bed and turn side-to-side and from recumbent to sitting positions.

- Is the bed comfortable?

Find out the bed's weight capacity. _____ lbs.

Check the bed's width clearance in doorways and elevators.

- Is there adequate clearance?

Check the travel range of the bed.

- Is the bed height adjustable to accommodate the smallest and tallest user?
- Can the bed be adjusted to the waist height of the caregiver?

Ensure the bed is the appropriate length and width for the patient.

- (Large residents are unsafe in a narrow bed, and caregivers have to reach excessively if a thin patient is placed in a wide bed.)

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Bed Evaluation Checklist *continued...*

(1=poor, 2=fair, 3=average, 4=good, 5=excellent)

Rate the overall features of the bed. 1 2 3 4 5

Rate the overall ease-of-use of the bed. 1 2 3 4 5

How effective do you think this bed will be in reducing patient injuries? 1 2 3 4 5

How effective do you think this bed will be in assisting patients when transferring into and out of bed? 1 2 3 4 5

How effective is the bed in facilitating resident mobility and positioning? 1 2 3 4 5

List the features that you like most:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

List the features that you dislike most:

How easy will it be to modify the bed for any special needs of your patient population? 1 2 3 4 5

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