

Disposable Slides “Sally Tube” for Patient Handling & Transfers FAQ*

Q. Why are we converting to disposables slides?

A. To ensure consistent availability of the product and to decrease expenses from laundering and loss of the reusable slides.

Q. Where can I find the Sally Tube slide?

A. In most areas the Sally Tube will be kept in the Omnicell. Some specialty areas will have the Sally Tubes available in the storage area as “Floor Stock”.

Q. How are the Sally Tubes different from Maxislides?

A. Maxislide sheets were used in pairs. Only **one** Sally Tube is needed for each patient. Because Sally Tubes do not have handles **they must be used under a draw sheet.**

Q: My patient is not that heavy - Can't I just use the draw sheet alone?

A: Research shows that any patient who **weighs more than 75 lbs.** and is not able to move independently in bed requires a friction reducing device. Using a Slide or a Hover Matt prevents skin shear and protects the caregiver from injury. If the Patient weighs more than 275 lbs. a Hover Matt is indicated.

Q: Can I leave a Sally Tube slide under the patient?

A: Slides should never be left under a patient.

Q: How do I remove a Sally Tube slide from under the patient?

A: Sally Tubes are removed using the same techniques as regular Maxislides by pulling down and outward from under the patient.

Q: What do I do with the Sally Tube after I use it?

A: Disposable Slides should be kept in the clear bag in the patient room for future use on the **same patient.** The slides should be sent with the patient when they go for a test or are transferred to a new room. When the slide becomes soiled or the patient is discharged it is placed in regular trash.

Q. What if the Sally tube becomes soiled?

A. Small soiled areas can be wiped with hospital approved disinfectant. If it is heavily soiled, get a new one and dispose the soiled one in regular trash. **DO NOT** send Sally Tubes to laundry.

Q. Can the patient /family take the Sally Tube home?

A. No; BHSSF cannot assume the responsibility for the family/caregiver using the slide safely and correctly at home.

Q. Can you suggest any tips for use?

- ▶ Only **ONE** tube is needed per patient
- ▶ Use **under** a draw sheet, sheet or pad
- ▶ Use for lateral transfers
- ▶ Use for repositioning in bed, turning and boosting patients
- ▶ Use Trendelenburg or Roll Assist to decrease force required
- ▶ Hang at the bedside to promote use & easy access

SallyTube® Single Patient Use

STEP 1

Pull out one sealed SallyTube®

STEP 2

Insert SallyTube® under patient

STEP 3

Transfer patient to stretcher / bed / examination table



If you have questions about Safe Patient Handling or any of these items please contact your Transfer Mobility Coach and/or visit the Safe Patient Handling (SPH) intranet page at:

http://sun.bhssf.org/Wellness/Ergonomics/Pages/SPHHomeGeneral_Content_Page.jsp

** This is only a guide and cannot address all circumstances and medical conditions.*

Only a team approach with Nursing and Therapy or qualified medical personnel involvement will create the safest situation for the patient and staff, while meeting the goal of increasing mobility and improving patient health