

TESTIMONIALS:



**Amy Evans, MR, APRN,
CWOCCN**

"I just wanted to let you know how great the lift/Injury prevention team is with helping us turn and reposition patients for skin assessment. So many patients are attached to multiple machines. It helps so much to have the team available. They are prompt to answer our pages, they NEVER complain. It also gives the patient confidence that they will be turned appropriately for cleaning, assessment and moving from side to side or getting up to chair. I don't think there is a nurse at this hospital who would disagree. I can't even imagine how we managed before the team was developed. It also helps as we get older that the lift/Injury prevention team is there to help prevent repetitive stress injuries as we care for patients. Thanks for having such a great lift/Injury prevention team group."



**Daneille Lambrecht MOT, OTR/L,
CBIS, Occupational Therapist**

"I wanted to let you know that injury prevention team is such a major part of the quality care we provide at TGH. I have had the pleasure working with them before and during COVID surges, and it is so nice to have their helping hands and their assistance to problem solve with equipment. They are a great team, and one of the reasons I love working at TGH."



**Danielle Falk, RN, BSN, CCRN,
Registered Nurse -
Cardiothoracic ICU**

"I have had the privilege of working with the LIFT Team as I knew it when I first started in 2010 at Tampa General. Now known as the Injury Prevention Team, although with a different name still encompasses the same high-quality patient and staff care that I associated it with when I first began. This team is pivotal to providing support to staff and ensuring safe care for patients. I have worked with this team when I first began as a 3H Cardiovascular nurse just learning the ropes and their support and care was instrumental in assisting me to transfer very weak post-surgical patients out of bed to chair.

As my career led me to the Cardiothoracic ICU taking care of some of the sickest patients in the hospital often requiring ECMO support, multiple devices, on multiple drips, etc. I could not have provided excellent care without the assistance of the Injury Prevention Team. They are well trained, polite, knowledgeable, and professional with the patients and staff. When I briefly worked at another facility I asked if they had such a team, and many laughed and wished they did. This team is an asset to this hospital, and I hope that we can continue to benefit from them for many years going forward!"

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20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Did you know...

TGH started the **first lift team in the state of Florida in 2002.**

- Since the inception of the lift/ injury prevention team in 2002, TGH's patient handling **injuries have reduced by 71%** and the cost related to those injuries have reduced by > 90%.
- They have performed over **1 million** patient transfers/repositioning.
- They have **assisted with over 10,000 patients post fall recovery.**

It takes 8-12 weeks to train new techs due to their advance level of knowledge and expertise and they take a **written examination** after 12 weeks.



Here are a few unique things that our TGH lift/injury prevention team do that you may not be aware of:

- Coordinate **vehicle transfers** for dependent patients coming in for surgery and assist with vehicle transfers of patients upon discharge.
- Collaborate with **paramedics & Tampa Fire Rescue** for admission of bariatric patients in the emergency department.
- Assist in **radiology and procedural areas** with bariatric transfer.
- Assist wound care/therapy & transport team.
- Assist in the **morgue with transfers on/off autopsy table and in the morgue cooler.**
- They assist **funeral homes** with bariatric patient transfers.
- Collaborate with nursing to **provide care for the most critically ill patients in the ICU** such as those on ECMO, VADs, prone the COVID patients, severe burn patients etc.
- They work 1:1 with team members **post injury** on their unit to provide education and training to help avoid re-injury.

- There are many other benefits to having a lift/Injury prevention team including **maximizing patient safety & outcomes** (reducing risk of falls, pressure ulcers, pain, anxiety, patient satisfaction) as well as helping to **retain and recruit nurses.**
- They **education new and existing team member** on the use of patient lift equipment upon hire, assist with annual competencies and education blocks for various departments and provide safe patient handling training for various nursing schools.
- They assist with **daily maintenance, inventory and restocking of patient lift equipment, slings, hover matts etc.**
- They **troubleshoot lift equipment** malfunction and collaborate with clinical engineer team regarding maintenance, inventory and replacing lift equipment.
- They collaborate with various vendors to **provide innovative product development/ improvement ideas.**
- TGH's Lift/Injury prevention team has received **numerous national awards and accolades** for their efforts to reduce team member injuries and promote safe transfers of patients.
- Injury prevention **Manager serves on various National and International committees/advisory boards**, is a speaker on an international level and **has published 14 articles on various safe patient handling topics.** She also collaborates with many organizations such as the American Nurses Association (ANA), OSHA, Florida hospital association etc.
- **> 50 healthcare organizations in the USA and in the world have visited TGH lift/injury prevention team** in the past 20 years to see our team in action (China, UK, Denmark, Holland, Canada, USA etc)