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PURPOSE

To outline safe workplace process and the safe use of the Ferno 35 A and P Stretcher.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, EMAs, Management

PROCEDURE

Rationale for use

The Model 35-P or Model 35-A and P transporters are emergency patient handling devices designed to transport a patient in a ground-based ambulance. It is for professional use by a minimum of two trained operators. It is designed for roll-in loading to help reduce the risk of back injury to medical service personnel. Both the 35-A and 35-P stretchers have many similarities. This document refers to both stretchers. Differences will be specified throughout the document.

Description

Transporter features include:

- Anodized tubing to prevent blackening of hands and clothing (35-P)
- Choice of colors (35-P)
- Eight height positions
- Two loading positions for vehicle floors 28"-33"
- Adjustable pneumatic backrest (35-P)
- Shock frame
- Swing-down sidearms
- Lead handle at foot end (Option)
- Four 6-inch, U-tread swivel transport wheels
- Two toe-touch wheel locks (Option)
- Two telescoping side lift handles (Option)
- Multipurpose drop frame
- Set of restraints
- Mattress (Locking option)

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Weight Restrictions

- 500 lbs / 227 kg (35-A)
- 650 lbs / 295 kg (35-P) (Lowest position increases weight capacity up to 1000 lbs)

Procedure for Use

General Guidelines for Use

- A minimum of two trained operators are required.
- Operators work together at all times using appropriate lifting procedures.
- Position one Paramedic/EMA at the foot and one Paramedic/EMA at the head of the stretcher when rolling it. The Paramedic/EMA at the foot should pull and steer while the Paramedic/EMA at the head should push. The Paramedic/EMA at the head normally provides most of the moving force.
- Communicate with one another and operate the transporter using coordinated movements.
- Operators may need help when working with heavy loads
- Stay with the patient at all times. Never leave the patient alone on the stretcher.
- Always use patient restraints.
- Always roll the transporter using a rolling position (Position 5 or 6).
- Lower the stretcher and carry end to end if the ground is too rough to roll the stretcher safely. Use at least four Paramedics/EMA's, one at each corner, when moving a stretcher across extremely rough terrain.
- Lift the stretcher over rugs, grates, door jams, and other such obstacles on the ground or floor.
- Always maintain a firm grip on the stretcher when rolling to prevent a tip-over.
- Turn corners slowly and squarely, avoiding sideways movements that may cause instability.
- Use the loading positions only to load or unload the transporter.
- Vehicle position can affect loading height.

For more detailed instructions, please refer to your in-service training, document references and user's manual.

Cleaning

The transporter requires regular maintenance and cleaning. The transporter can be cleaned with soapy water or antibacterial spray/wipes and then be thoroughly

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dried. If sterilization is required, disinfect according to “Disinfection of Vehicles and Patient Care Equipment”, (Policy & Procedures G.6.2.).

REFERENCE

Ferno Canada 35-A and 35-P user Manuals

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