



HOSPITAL BEDS & ACCESSORIES



PURPOSE: Hospital beds are designed for individuals who need to have their position changed frequently. This includes the height of the bed and elevation of the head and/or foot of the bed.

TYPES: There are three basic types of adjustable beds and they differ in the amount of electric operation. There are manual beds with which all adjustments are manually made by hand cranks. These beds are the least costly and are designed for individuals that require infrequent changes in position. Semi-electric beds are the most popular and combine the electric adjustments in the head and foot and manual adjustment in the bed height. Full electric beds are the most expensive and are difficult to justify for medical necessity. All adjustable features of the bed are adjusted electronically. Hospital beds have a maximum weight limit, usually 450 pounds however; beds with greater weight limits are available.

USE: The bed should never be disassembled or assembled by the user. There are specific instructions and safety precautions that must be followed when putting up or taking down the bed. When using the bed, side rails should always be used. They should be in the upright position. The hand control has buttons that control the height of the head and foot sections. Push the appropriate button to adjust the section of choice. Never allow any liquid to spill on the bed. If liquid spills on the bed, immediately unplug the bed and clean up the liquid. Two of the bed wheels should have locks and should be engaged at all times. Do not let any extremities extend over the side or between the bed rails.

SAFETY: Never leave a physically challenged individual or a child unattended in the bed. You should never place anything under the bed. Always abide by the manufacturer operational and safety guidelines. Only one person is allowed on the bed at one time. Follow the guidelines on the **Home Safety Basics** list to prevent falls.

ACCESSORIES: Fitted sheets are available through Allay Home Care

MAINTENANCE: A certified professional should only perform maintenance. If you suspect your bed has any problem, contact Allay Home Care. Do not use the bed until it has been evaluated

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