Patient Transfer Device

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Background

- Client and co-workers need to transfer possibly sedated patients.
- Some patients must remain in the sitting or "scrunched" position.
- Difficult to transfer patients with flat roller board.





Current Design

- Currently using single 24" aluminum roller board.
- Lightweight, rigid and dependable.
- Difficult to use when patients are in Fowler's position
- Uses pins and holes instead of ball bearings.





Project Design Statement

- Dr. Ashish Mahajan has asked us to create a safe, sturdy and efficient patient transfer device for moving awake or sedated patients in semi-Fowler's position.
- Parameters:
- Safety
- Ease of Use
- Cost
- Durability
- Simplicity

Specifications:

- 300 lbs max load
- < 50"
- < 20 lbs

Design Base

Aluminum Plates Alloy=6061 Machinable Aluminum Rods **0.5**" OD □ 17" long Light Weight □ Steel Bolts

Strong



End plates, rods, and bolts

Aluminum Tubing and Bearings

- Aluminum Tubing
 - Alloy=6061
 - .125" Thick
 - Easily holds weight requirement
- Ball Bearings
 - "Frictionless"
 - Steel
 - Radial Load > 450lbs





(Above) Aluminum tubing with bearing.

Steel ball bearing (McMaster.com)

Vinyl Cover



Patient transfer roller board, with vinyl covering (Universal Medical Inc.)

Strong

- Won't tear
- Doesn't hinder rollers
- Easy to Clean
- Safe
 - Doesn't hurt patient
 - Covers all moving pieces

Design Alternatives

- Connect two existing boards with hinge
- Board from raw materials with no bearings and an integrated hinge
- Board from raw materials with bearings and Lshaped hinges

Design One

🗆 Plan

- Buy two boards
- Modify boards to connect using a hinge

Problems

- No guarantee the boards are identical
- Boards would have to be modified to be shorter



Cost

Design Two

- Fabricate everything ourselves
- Integrated end plate/hinge
 Solid milled piece of aluminum
- No bearings
 - Cap inserted into end of aluminum
- Problems:
 - Hinge fabrication is complex and creates too much waste
 - Product wear is a gray area
 - More friction with no bearings



Tube Cap



Integrated Hinge

Design Three

- Fabricate almost everything ourselves
- L-Shaped Hinge
 - Cheap
 - Simple
- Ball Bearings
 - Ease use of product
 - Wear is much more predictable
- Problems
 - More parts than design two



Ball bearings http://www.mcmaster.com/



Design Matrix

Design	Safety (25)	Ease of Use (30)	Cost (10)	Durability (20)	Simplicity (15)	Total (100)
Design 1: Two boards w/ hinge	22	25	4	20	15	86
Design 2: Homemade	20	25	7	15	10	77
Design 3: L-shape hinge	25	30	7	20	13	95

Final Design

- Fabricate two boards
 Attach via "L-Hinge"
 Non-Locking hinge, for any angle
- □ 40"x14.5"x1"





Final Design

"L-Hinge"

Future Work

- Finish Ordering Parts
- Build the Design
- Test Design
- Present
- Deliver

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