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*The Army Ergonomics Program Announces a New Addition to Their Website*

## *Safe Patient Handling*



Protecting our military and civilian healthcare providers from risk of musculoskeletal injury is of vital importance as they provide the highest standard of care to injured Soldiers, retirees, and their families. Manually moving and handling patients is a risky activity undertaken many times each day by healthcare staff.

The good news is that the implementation of safe patient-handling programs can result in decreased injuries, discomfort, and lost work time and increased morale and staff retention. In addition to these staff benefits, safe patient handling may reduce the risk of patient falls and skin shears. Because these factors affect the overall quality of care, it is crucial that patient-handling related injury risks be minimized and eliminated.

Learn more at:

<http://usachppm.apgea.army.mil/ergopgm/SafePatientHandling.aspx>



**Questions?**

**Contact the Army Ergonomics Program at 410-436-3928.**