

UNIT 6

Mobility



a Look at the picture (above) and answer the following questions.

- 1 Where is the patient?
- 2 Why might they be moving the patient?
- 3 How are they moving the patient?

b Read the notes about *AirSlide* and answer the following questions.

- 1 Do you have to remove the mattress when you have moved the patient?
- 2 What do you have to do before you wash the mattress?
- 3 What is the AirSlide made from?
- 4 Do you need to wash the cover sheet every time you use it?
- 5 Do you need to remove the mattress before the patient has an X-ray?
- 6 Where should you keep the mattress when you're not using it?
- 7 Why is there no Velcro on the mattress?

- inflatable mattress
- base made of slide sheet material
- enables quick and easy transfer of patients
- can be left under patient after transfer (comfortable mattress)
- safe to use during X-ray and MRI
- maximum user weight of 544kg (86 stone or 1,204lb)
- fully portable: has own trolley bag.
- no pin holes, stitching and Velcro on mattress (Infection Control)
- pull straps easy to remove before washing mattress
- disposable cover sheet (Infection Control)

C Complete the following statements 1–7. Use the words in the box below.

- 1 The AirSlide is a special _____ mattress.
- 2 The AirSlide helps hospital staff _____ patients easily.
- 3 Patients _____ on the mattress at all times.
- 4 The AirSlide may be used during _____ procedures.
- 5 It is suitable for very large or _____ patients.
- 6 The mattress can be _____ around in its trolley bag.
- 7 The cover sheet of the mattress can be _____ away if it gets dirty to avoid infection.

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d The cover sheet of the AirSlide mattress is *disposable* or *single-use*. In pairs, think of some other hospital equipment which is used once and then thrown away.**e Why are these things only used once?****Share your knowledge**

- 1 Why would you use this technology to transfer a patient?
- 2 What other new technology/innovations can you use to help you move a patient?