

UNIT 6

Mobilising patients

Medical term		Definition	Translation
commode chair		a chair with a toilet seat which can be wheeled over the toilet	
crutches		a stick with a piece that fits under your arm to help injured or disabled people walk	
hand block		a piece of wood with a handle which helps patients move themselves in bed	
handling sling		a belt which helps support patients when standing	
hoist		a device to lift patients	
monkey pole		a triangular bar which hangs over a hospital bed to help a patient lift him/herself	
obese		extremely overweight	
pat slide		a flat board which helps nurses transfer patients from one bed to another	
Rehab		<i>Rehabilitation</i> ; treatment which helps patients to relearn skills after an injury or stroke	
rope ladder		a cord ladder placed at end of the bed which a patient uses to move from lying to sitting up	
slide sheet		a special fabric sheet that makes moving immobile or obese patients easier	
walking frame		a metal structure that helps people to walk, also called a <i>Zimmer frame</i>	
walking stick		a metal or wood stick which helps injured or disabled people walk	
wheelchair		a chair with wheels that an injured or disabled person sits in	