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SUBJECT: Graham-Field Clinical Recliners

The recliner is considered a *short range* transport product as the transport function is secondary to its function as a patient care recliner. For that reason:

1. The recliner can be used as a transport chair for short distances over smooth surfaces, e.g. between rooms, from a treatment area to a recovery area, between dialysis stations, etc. If there are severe saddles/thresholds and/or gaps at the elevator or between floor surface changes, the patient should be moved to a wheelchair or stretcher for transport.
2. The recliner can be used in elevators but two caregivers must be present to ensure the safety of the patient. (See below).
3. The recliner is NOT designed to be used between buildings as the surfaces that the recliner may be moved on are too different and/ or are unknown.
4. The recliner can be moved in any position however, it is recommended that the following procedures be followed:
 - a. Two caregivers should always be present during transport: One behind the recliner managing the movement of the recliner. Another caregiver walking alongside the recliner to ensure the patient is safe and is not agitated or trying to exit the recliner.
 - b. While you can transport a patient in any position, it is advisable to transport the patient in either the first position or the second position. It is not advisable to transport a patient in the full recline position or in the Trendelenburg Position as the caregiver is not in a favorable position to move the recliner.
 - c. It is imperative that the patient's feet and extremities remain in the recliner. The patient's feet should not be dragging on the floor in front of the recliner and their arms should stay within the confines of the recliner.
5. For movement down a hallway, the directional lock on the caster should be locked so that the recliner tracks straight.
6. If the recliner has a drop arm feature, the arms should always be in the "UP" position during any transport activity.

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