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- ❑ The Hoyer lift is a dependable mechanical lift for patients who cannot assist with transfers.
- ❑ Created with an expanding, wheeled base and overhead bar sling-suspension system, this lift requires at least one caregiver to scoop the patient into the middle of the large sling and transport him/her.
- ❑ Many of these lifts reach from floors to elevated bed levels.
- ❑ The slings come in a wide variety of types from heavy canvas to lightweight, meshed nylons with openings for peri-care and toileting.
- ❑ The original units used manual pumping for pneumatic force to raise the lift. The newer versions have electric control systems for remote hand-controlled motions. Caregivers widely use both types.



Figure 20



Figure 21

#### **Transferring from Hoyer lift to the bed**

- Slowly position the patient directly over the center of the bed.
- Slowly lower the patient down onto the bed using the Hoyer lift controls (manual or electric).
- Gently and carefully roll the patient to remove the sling.