Overcoming ambulation barriers

Simple, Safe, Efficient.
IVEA is a single platform for organizing common patient equipment that helps aid the ambulation process.

Non-ambulatory patients are at increased risk for a multitude of poor outcomes. Functional decline can happen in as little as 48 hours and muscle weakness is shown to increase falls. Additionally, nurses also readily admit ambulation is the most frequently missed care.

What are the barriers preventing nurses, the primary caregivers in the acute setting, from ambulating patients?

Barriers to ambulation include:
- lack of assistive devices
- equipment management
- labor resources
- fear of patient falling

A 36 bed med-surgical telemetry unit at a Magnet recognized hospital implemented IVEA to assist in managing equipment to aid in safe, simple and efficient ambulation.

21% increase in ambulation
30% cumulative reduction in fall rate
70% reduction in falls with injury
8.5% increase in patient satisfaction

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