Hospitalized patients generally spend much of their day in bed. Immobility and its associated negative consequences increases length of stay and hospital-acquired harms, leading to worse patient outcomes. Once at home after hospitalization, patients are often physically more vulnerable, with consequences such as increased falls, too often resulting in an emergency room visit or hospital re-admission.

The Activity & Mobility Promotion (AMP) - Hospital multidisciplinary program aims to specifically support acute hospitals and other health care facilities that want to change the culture of patient immobility. AMP - Hospital provides frontline caregivers and hospital leaders with the tools and support needed to design and implement structured quality improvement processes to successfully increase patient activity and mobility.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Activity & Mobility Promotion Program firmly establishes the concept that a systematic approach is beneficial in combating the harms of immobility in our hospitals. In our Adult ICUs, Pediatric ICU, and throughout our hospital we have adopted structured quality improvement processes to promote a culture of activity and mobility.

Activity and mobility programs can reduce length of stay, decrease readmissions, and improve patient outcomes. Such programs are an excellent method to drive value by “bending the cost curve” via improving patient outcomes at a lower cost to the hospital.

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