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Charlotte Baker

Charlotte is an 86 year old woman who has had right-sided hemiplegia for 13 years. She is overweight and easily becomes short of breath.

Her husband aged 78 years, who has recently developed signs of mild dementia, primarily attends her. Her daughter lives next door. Her husband and daughter, using the draglift, transfer Charlotte from a divan bed to chair. However, both carers are finding the manoeuvre increasingly difficult.

In the manoeuvre described, what are the risks to client and carers?

What changes could be made to Charlotte's sleeping arrangements to assist the transfer?

Identify 5 pieces of equipment, used separately or in conjunction with one another, that 2 carers could employ to safely transfer Charlotte from bed to chair? Try to think about the risk assessment heading T.I.L.E.

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Jimmy Green

Jimmy Green is a 63 year old man with advanced Parkinson's disease. He lives in a residential accommodation where he requires assistance with sitting back in a wheelchair, lounge chair and dining chair.

What single carer techniques could you use?

What equipment is required?

How would you prepare Jimmy prior to the manoeuvre?

Other than the condition of the person, what other factors would influence which one-person technique to employ? Try to think about the risk assessment heading T.I.L.E.