

Checklist: Measure and Record Weight of Patient in a Wheelchair

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1. Carry out initial procedure actions according to facility policy, including hand hygiene, patient identification, explanation of the procedure, privacy, and patient safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Review the patient care plan and previous weight measurements before obtaining the weight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Gather the wheelchair scale, documentation materials, and required personal protective equipment (PPE) if indicated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Inspect the wheelchair and scale for cleanliness, proper function, and safety before use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Verify the wheelchair scale is balanced and calibrated according to manufacturer instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Weigh the empty wheelchair or verify documented wheelchair weight according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Assist the patient safely into the wheelchair using approved transfer and safe patient handling techniques.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Position the patient safely in the wheelchair with feet supported and brakes locked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Move the wheelchair safely onto the scale platform following manufacturer instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Ensure the wheelchair is centered on the platform and remains still during weighing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Observe the patient for signs of discomfort, dizziness, or distress during the procedure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Read the scale accurately once the weight stabilizes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Subtract the wheelchair weight from the total weight if required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Record the patient weight accurately in pounds or kilograms according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Assist the patient safely off the scale and return the patient to the designated area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Ensure the patient is comfortable with needed items and call light within reach if applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Clean and disinfect the scale and wheelchair contact surfaces according to infection control policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Remove PPE if used and perform hand hygiene according to Oregon infection prevention standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Document the procedure, patient tolerance, weight obtained, and abnormal findings according to Oregon State standards and facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>