

# **VANCARE**<sup>®</sup>

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## ***VANDER-CLIP***

### ***OPERATING PROCEDURES***



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## INTENDED USE

VANDER-CLIPS are designed to help caregivers reposition Patients/Residents in a safe manner, without risk of staff injury. CLIPS are to be used as an aid in turning patients by utilizing overhead track lifts or a total floor lift. The CLIPS attach to existing draw sheets. The VANDER-CLIPS replace the manual process of log rolling patients to reposition; used also for changing and cleaning patients. This task has been overlooked as a staff injury risk; however, repositioning is a serious injury-causing event. **VANDER-CLIPS are a repositioning aid only. DO NOT USE as a transfer or transport device.**

## VANDER-CLIP Procedures

1. Inspect lift for safe operation according to lift manufacturer's directions.
2. Inspect VANDER-CLIP. Make sure there are no missing parts, i.e. rubber inserts, nuts, bolts, etc. Inspect strap for fraying, cuts or tears. **⚠ If problems are found and/or parts are missing or loose, do not use.** Call your local Distributor for service.
3. Place loops of VANDER-CLIP on main hanger assembly as shown in Picture 1. (For lifts other than Vander-Lifts, attach CLIPS at widest part of the hanger assembly.)
4. The patient should have a draw sheet, turning sheet or a sturdy continence pad in place from lower shoulder through the hip area across the full width of the bed.



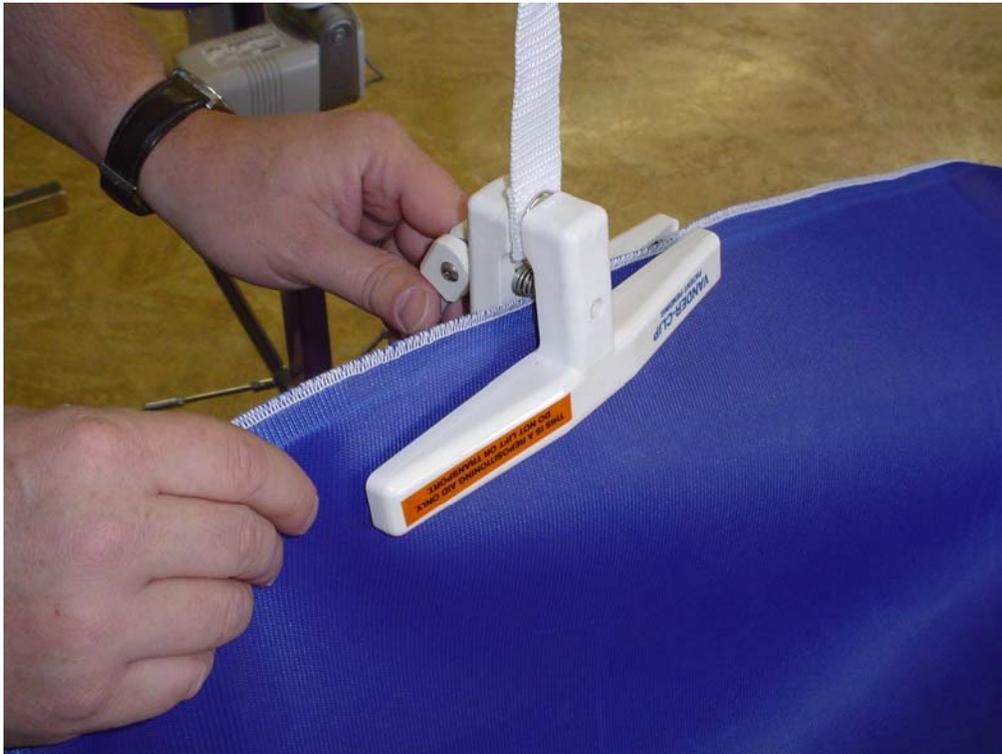
Picture 1

5. Place lift so that one VANDER-CLIP is in lower shoulder area and the other CLIP is in towards lower body as shown in Picture 2. **DO NOT LOCK BRAKES ON FLOOR LIFTS MAKING SURE THE SPACE IS CLEAR FOR THE LIFT TO MOVE FORWARD FREELY WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION.** If using a Track Lift, lower to position so clips can accommodate the draw sheet.



Picture 2

6. Attach CLIPS to sheet as shown in pictures 3 & 4. With flip lever in open position, slide Draw Sheet into the CLIP's grasp and then flip the lever to the closed position. **Lever should close needing a fair amount of force.** If lever closes too easily without tightly grasping the sheet, release to open position, rotate the lever clockwise a turn or two and tighten. If lever is too hard to close, release and turn lever counterclockwise a turn or two and lock it down again. The directions, which are indicated on the VANDER-CLIP decal, reinforce the procedure to ensure the sheet will not slip out.



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5

7. It is recommended to utilize two caregivers for most situations especially with larger patients. Ensure bed rails are up. Then one caregiver sets the CLIPS on the draw sheet and controls the lift while the second caregiver is positioned on the other side of the bed to assure safety. Begin raising the lift making sure that the lift and CLIPS are free of obstructions. The lift should roll freely, staying centered with the sheet. Raise the lift only to the point of which the Patient is positioned such that you can perform the desired procedure.
8. You can block the patient at the desired position as appropriate. If you wish to reach the back side of the patient be sure they are securely blocked. Lower the lift until there is slack in the sheet so one or both clips can be removed for wound dressing or cleaning.
9. To remove the VANDER-CLIP, flip the clip lever to the open position as shown in Picture 5 and follow the direction on the clip decal. Slide the draw sheet out of the clip's grasp but leave the sheet under the patient for future use.
10. To return the patient back to original position, reattach VANDER-CLIP as described above. Sheet should be taut against patient's back. Remove any blocking pillows and lower the lift. Apply a small amount of assistance to patient as needed. Continue lowering until the patient is back in desired position.
11. If patient needs to be turned on the other side, move lift to the other side and repeat all steps.
12. **DISINFECTING GUIDELINES:** Spray and wipe down the complete clip and strap with a mild disinfectant. ***DO NOT use disinfectants that contain bleach/chlorine.*** Please follow the disinfectant's guidelines to obtain desired results.

**BE SURE ALL CLIPS ARE INSPECTED AND DOCUMENTED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. ⚠ If problems are found and/or parts are missing or loose, do not use.** Call your local Distributor for service.

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**VANDER-CLIPS Skills Observation Assessment**

Staff Member Observed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PROCEDURE - DID THE EMPLOYEE:**

- Have the required number of staff members present?** (two caregivers recommended)
- Inspect lift** for proper operation?
- Inspect Vander-Clips?** (make sure there are no missing parts. Inspect the strap for fraying, cuts or tears)
- Place loops of Vander-Clips on the main hanger assembly?**
- Ensure that resident has a draw sheet, turning sheet or a sturdy continence pad** in place from shoulder through the hip area across the full width of the bed?
- Position the lift so that one Vander-Clip is at the shoulder area and the other Clip is near the hips.** Keep the brakes on the lift unlocked so the lift can move forward freely.
- Attach the Vander-Clips to the sheet correctly?** With the flip lever in the open position, slide draw sheet into the Clip's grasp and then flip the lever to the closed position. Adjustment may be needed for the Clips to grasp the sheet tightly.
- Ensure that the bed rails are up?**
- Perform environment assessment?** Make sure the lift and Vander-Clips are free of obstructions above the bed.
- Position one caregiver on the other side of the bed** to assure safety?
- Make sure the lift rolls freely**, staying centered with the sheet?
- Raise the lift** only to the point at which the resident is positioned so the desired procedure can be performed?
- Stabilize the resident** at the desired position as appropriate?
- Lower the lift** enough to eliminate tension on the Clip strap.
- Remove the Vander-Clips properly?** Flip the Clip levers to the open position and slide the draw sheet out of the Clip's grasp, but leave the sheet under the resident for future use.
- Return the resident back to original position?** Reattach the Vander-Clips ensuring that the sheet is taut against the resident's back, remove any stabilizing pillows, and lower the lift applying a small amount of assistance to the resident until back in desired position?
- Examine the Vander-Clips and turning sheet** to determine if they are clean and ready for next use?
- Make certain the resident is safe and comfortable before leaving?**

*Refer to Operator's Manual for more detailed description of transfer technique.*

Pass

Fail

Observations \_\_\_\_\_

Observer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Observer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_