

FACT SHEET ON TRANSFERRING THE DEMENTIA PATIENT

- 1. Patients need assistance with sitting or lying for many reasons.**
- 2. Staff must know patients before assisting with transfers.**
- 3. Transfers can require one person or two people.**
- 4. Staff must always have sufficient people to accomplish transfers.**
- 5. Dementia patients frequently struggle during transfers.**
- 6. The first step for a dementia patient transfer is to reassure the patient.**
- 7. Different patients require different transfer techniques.**
- 8. Grabbing the patient by the arm can produce skin tears and bruising.**