

<b>Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY &amp; PROCEDURES MANUAL</b>	
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### PURPOSE

To outline standard and safe process for the utilization of the Ferno 35A and 35P Stretchers.

### APPLICATION

Paramedics, Paramedic Superintendents

### PROCEDURE

#### **Rationale for use**

- The Ferno Model 35-P or 35-A transporters are emergency patient handling devices designed for use by a minimum of 2 trained operators in Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB ambulances. The devices are designed for roll-in loading. Both the 35-A and 35-P stretchers operate in a similar manner. While this directive reference use for both stretchers, any differences will be specified. The stretchers have weight limitations of 500 pounds (227 Kg) for the 35-A, and 650 pounds (295 Kg) for the 35-P. In the lowest position, the weight capacity of the 35-P increases to 1000 pounds (454 Kg).

#### **Description**

Transporter features include:

- The 35-P has anodized/coloured tubing to prevent discolouring transfer
- Eight height positions
- Two loading positions for vehicle floors 28"-33"
- Adjustable pneumatic backrest (35-P)
- Shock frame
- Swing-down sidearms
- Lead handle at foot end
- Four 6-inch, U-tread swivel transport wheels
- Two toe-touch wheel locks
- Two telescoping side lift handles
- Multipurpose drop frame
- Set of restraints

#### **Procedure for Use**

General Guidelines for Use:

- A minimum of two trained operators is required.
- Operators work together at all times using appropriate lifting procedures.

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- One Paramedic operates at the foot and one Paramedic at the head of the stretcher when rolling it.
- The Paramedic at the foot should pull and steer while the Paramedic at the head should push.
- Paramedics must communicate transporter movements, and coordinate movements.
- Maintain two handed contact with the stretcher at all times.
- Always use patient restraints.
- Move the transporter using a rolling position only.
- Lower the stretcher and carry the if the ground is too rough to safely roll the stretcher. Additional personnel may be used where necessary.
- The stretcher should be lifted over ground obstacles.
- Avoiding sideway movement that will cause instability.
- Note that vehicle position can affect loading height.

For more detailed instructions, please refer to the user's manual located in the Cert'n system.

### **Cleaning**

The transporter is subject to scheduled preventative maintenance and cleaning following use. The transporter should be cleaned in accordance with the Disinfection of Vehicles and Patient Care Equipment Policy & Procedure.

## **REFERENCE**

Ferno Canada 35-A and 35-P user Manuals

MOHLTC, EHS-B, *Patient Care Equipment Standards*

EHS-B, Occupational Health Services, *A Lifting Training Program for EMAs.*

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services, *Ergonomics Policy & Procedure.*

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services, *Cot Maintenance Program Policy & Procedure.*

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services, *Securing Equipment Policy & Procedure.*

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, Paramedic Services, *Disinfecting of Vehicles and Patient Care Equipment Policy & Procedure.*