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**“Individualized Care: Wheelchair Seating as a Road to Restraint-Free Care”**

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# Siderails

- 1995 FDA Safety Alert
- Growing evidence of siderail-related entrapment injuries and deaths
- Risk for spread of infection with vancomycin-resistant enterococci, and nosocomial *Clostridium difficile*



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# Side rails as a hazard





# Siderail = Barrier

- Perception of Cognitively Impaired Person



[www.fda.gov/cdrh/beds/](http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/beds/)

- For reporting:
- 1-800-FDA-1088



# Getting Funding for wheelchairs

- Ask for PT assessment
- Do a mock up of equipment
- Take pictures, video, invite in family
- Be a broken record



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Sometimes restraint free care is not  
“pretty”





# Body pillow

