**Note:** Patients w/ Unstable Spines can ONLY use a BariMaxx or Regular Self-Adjusting mattress

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### General/IMC Bed Surface Algorithm

**Evaluate Patient’s need for specialty bed on Admission & with any change in condition**

1. Discuss plan for specialty bed with the patient and family, validating agreement to go on the new surface before placing order.

2. Place an order for "Specialty Bed Referral". Enter as Nursing, Referral (for physician name)/Written Order. Identify reason for bed. Note the type of bed needed in Special Instructions.
   - a. For referrals made after 13:00 page the MOWS team (#6115) in order to assure that the delivery can be made that evening.
   - b. The only specialty bed ordered on evening and nights is a bariatric specialty bed emergently needed for a patient over 227 kg (500 pounds)
   - c. Contact the Administrative Supervisor/Nurse Manager at extension 8-3184 when MOWS are not available (evenings & nights) and there is an emergent bariatric specialty bed need for a patient weighing over 227 kg (500 pounds).
   - d. Non emergent referrals submitted evenings and nights will be evaluated by the MOWS team the following day.

3. As soon as the bed arrives, place the patient on the specialty bed/surface.