

2026 Arizona Safe Patient Handling Conference

Hosted by: Gateway Community College

Sponsored by: ZM Medical Innovations

Date: April 30, 2026 Time: 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Agenda

7:00 – 8:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast - Sign-in, CEU paperwork, refreshments, vendor displays

8:00 – 8:15 AM Introduction/Agenda

8:15 – 8:45 AM The 'Why' of Safe Patient Handling - Culture of safety, patient and staff impact (Michael Maske)

8:40 – 9:55AM Building an Effective SPHM Program - Foundations, leadership, culture change (Amber Perez)

9:55 – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 – 11:15AM Successful Safe Patient Handling Programs – Vendor/Provider Relationships (Chris Craigmile)

11:15-12:15pm The Journey to an Effective Safe Patient Handling Program
Kelley Drilling, Mayo Clinic Rochester

12:15 – 1:00 PM Lunch (Provided) – Networking & Vendor stations

1:00 – 4:00 PM Hands-On Skills Training Rotations:

Four 35-min sessions with 10-min breaks between:

1. Bariatric & Ceiling Lifts vs Air-Assisted Tech
2. Toileting, In-Bed Mobility & Home Transition
3. Evacuation, Fall Recovery & Vehicle Extraction
4. Lessons from the Field: Evaluating SPH Solutions

4:00 – 4:30 PM Closing Session - Q&A, Feedback, CEU distribution, Thank You