

Side Rail and Alternative Equipment Intervention Decision Tree

Use this decision tree to determine if a side rail is a restraint or if alternatives to its use exist.

Key: | Y | = Yes | N | = No **SR = side rail**

Team refers to a decision-making person or group as specified by the institution: a multidisciplinary restrain-reduction team, a geriatric consultation team, the rehabilitation department, a nurse manager or supervisor or a gerontologic advanced practice nurse.

