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(2) Carrying a stretcher: Put the stretcher on the ground next the patient. The patient should be carried on the stretcher feet first. (Photo 2-3-7)

* If you are the only ambulance paramedic available to carry the stretcher, ask bystanders to assist you in carrying the stretcher. There needs to be 4 people to carry the patient on the stretcher safely (1 on each corner).

(3) Preparing to lift the patient onto the stretcher: Pull and set the control handles on the front and rear of the stretcher to their lowest positions.

(4) Preparing blankets for warming the patient on the stretcher: Bring down the side frames of the stretcher and loop the safety band of the blanket over the stretcher to warm the patient. Then place the patient on the stretcher according to the lifting procedure. (Photo 2-3-8)

(5) Warming. Warm the patient with the blanket.

(6) Setting of the side arms: Extend both stretcher side-arms and confirm that they are locked in place.

(7) Fastening of the safety band: Pull out the safety band and loop and fasten it over the patient. Confirm that the safety belt is correctly fitted. (Photo 2-3-9)

(8) Carrying the stretcher: The end of the stretcher at the patient's legs must be the front when transporting the patient. The stretcher should be transported by an ambulance paramedic holding the frame alongside the

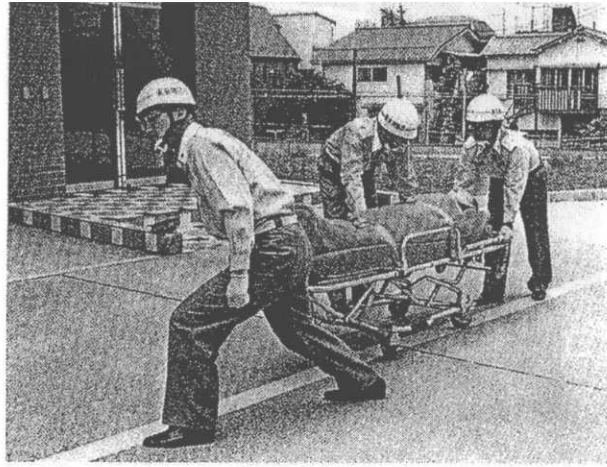


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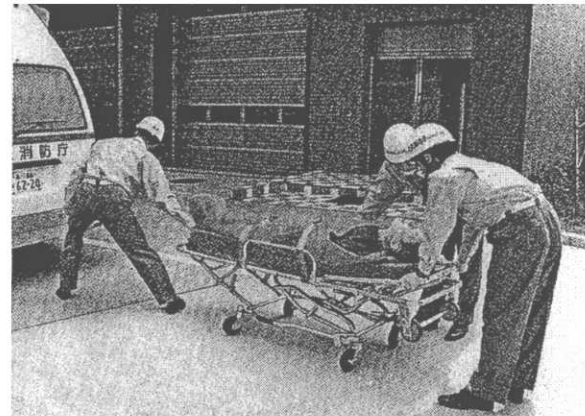


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patient's legs, and by another paramedic holding the frame alongside the patient's head. The leader of the ambulance team must be in a position where they can constantly observe the condition of the patient. (Photo 2-3-10)

* When the patient is receiving cardiopulmonary resuscitation, an ambulance paramedic should hold the frame alongside the patient's chest while chest massage is being performed.

(9) Moving the patient into an ambulance. Wait with the stretchered patient behind the vibration-proof pedestal of the ambulance. (Photo 2-3-11) An ambulance paramedic then opens the rear door of the ambulance, while the ambulance team leader and another paramedic wait holding the stretchered patient.

Turn around the stretcher to prepare to move the patient into the ambulance head-first. The

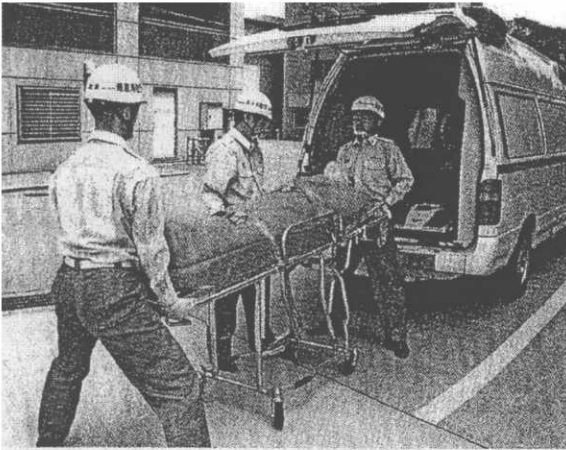


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three personnel then lift up the stretcher as high as possible, while checking the locks on the support legs. (Photo 2-3-12) One paramedic tilts the E-shaped bracket toward the operating position using their foot to secure the stretcher. Confirm that the loading wheels are placed on the pedestal (Photo 2-3-13), and release the lever of the safety lock. (Photo 2-3-14)

To move the stretcher into the ambulance, one ambulance paramedic holds the frame alongside the patient's legs as well as the control handle. The other member then holds the left frame. Meanwhile, the ambulance team leader holds the right frame while closely observing the patient. (Photo 2-3-15) After placing the stretcher in the ambulance, securely fix the stretcher with the fixing bracket (stopper). (Photo 2-3-16)

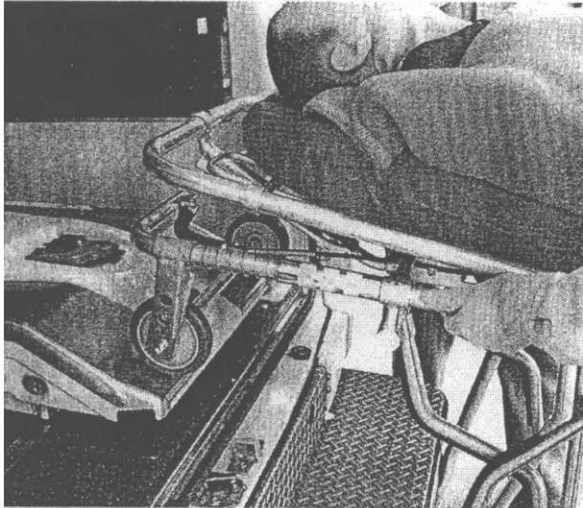


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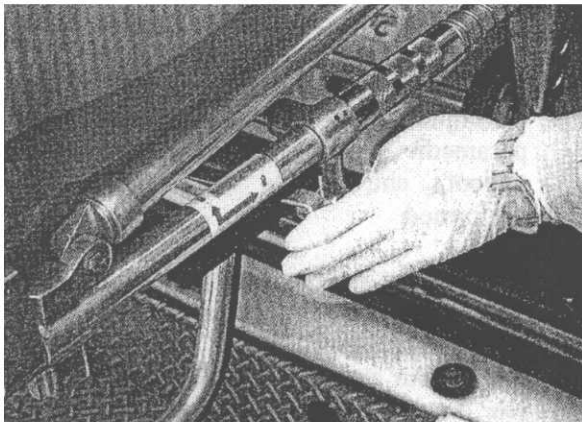


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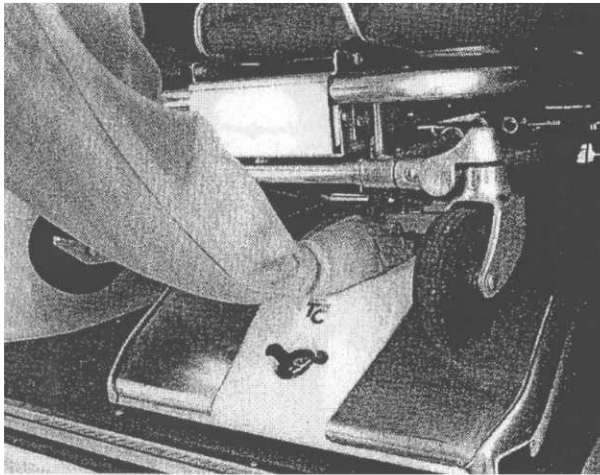


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2) Exchange Type

Carry the exchange-type stretcher by following almost the same procedure as for the squad-mate type. However, the casters under the patient's head cannot swivel. Therefore, while the patient is receiving cardiopulmonary resuscitation, one ambulance paramedic should hold one of the stretcher frames (furthest away to the patient's heart) to stabilize it. Lastly, look where you are going while carrying the stretcher.

No safety-lock lever is available on the exchange-type stretcher.

4. Transfer using a sub-stretcher

1) Preparing the sub-stretcher for a seated patient (chair type)

(1) Loosen the band of the sub-stretcher and hold the end of the stretcher where the patient's legs are to be placed.

(2) Two people stand at either side of the patient on the sub-stretcher and lift the sub-stretcher by holding the frame at the side of the base-board. Bend the patient's legs. A third person, positioned next to the patient's head, holds the sub-stretcher securely to prevent it moving. (Photo 2-3-17)

(3) Securely fix the stopper under the sub-stretcher's frame beside the patient's legs.

(4) The three personnel bend the sub-stretcher to raise one part of it upright above the wheels into the shape of a chair. (Photo 2-3-18) Then, fasten the fixing band at the side of the sub-stretcher.

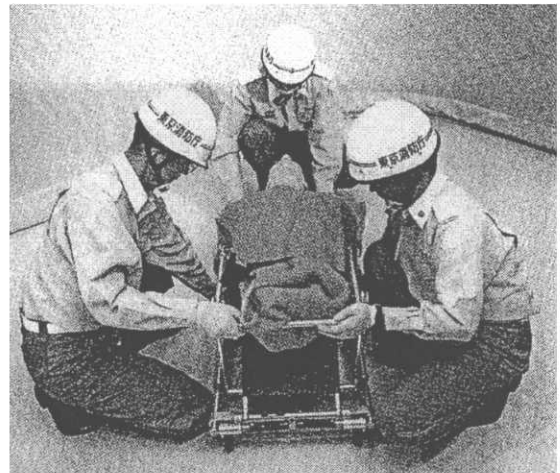


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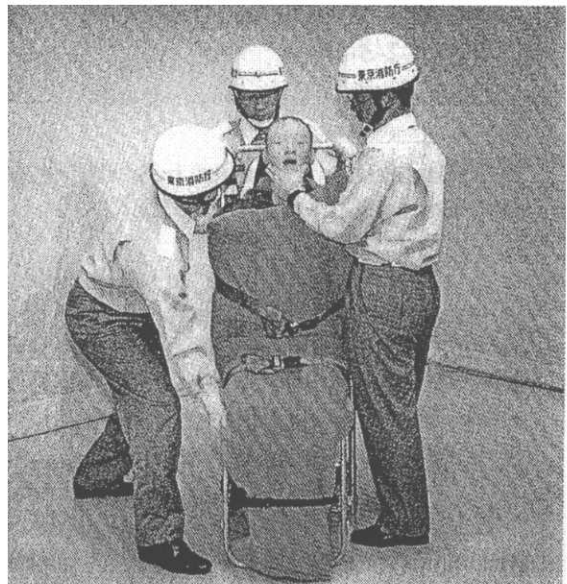


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