

Ribcap helmet Trial Data

#1 (Hu)	Ribcap	No helmet	Old helmet
92 days		3 days	0 days
3 falls , 2 times hit head- no injury to head, cap remained on head with fall.			
" I like the cap, it is comfortable"			

#2	(Mi)	Ribcap	No helmet	Old helmet
88	days		5 days	0 days

"That's my cap " "I like the cap"

Because of his behavioral problems, there were 4 days that he would throw the cap onto the floor, wearing it off and on.

Since this time of trial he has continued to wear the cap and was wearing it when a peer hit him repeatedly in the head, and it protected his head from injury.

#3	(Ha) Ribcap	Old helmet
	9	0

This pt was discharged after 9 days.

He agreed to wear ribcap- when we showed him the old helmet he said, "I am not wearing that- it looks like a hockey helmet!"

#4 (Bra) Ribcap	Old helmet
32	0
Veteran was discharged after 32 days.	

He thanked staff profusely for his hat.

#5 (Ru) Ribcap	Old helmet	
7/9 thru 9/2		
56	0	
He calls it "his hat"		
#6 (GI) Ribcap	Old helmet	
17	0	
"I don't wear caps"		

Veteran was high fall risk and history of TBI and teaching done with him regarding his risk for a fall and needing to wear a helmet for protection. He refused the ribcap initially, but after having 2 falls on the unit, he agreed to wear the ribcap. He did not have any falls after wearing the ribcap.

#7 (Tr)

Ribcap	No helmet	Old helmet
15 days	8 days	0 days

#8 (Le)

This Veteran is on unit 1D. They did not keep data but according to nurse manager "Veteran wears ribcap helmet more than the days he refuses it. He will not wear the old helmet at all. It has worked out real well."

The charge nurse on 1D stated that this Veteran loves his cap and will not let them take it off. He is a frequent faller (falls to get attention) and the staff is very thankful that he has the ribcap.