CLAIMS

1. A nursing-care device comprising:

a bed body having, at an upper surface thereof, a rectangular floor portion with such predetermined area and thickness that a care-requiring person is able to lie on the bed body;

a support base on which the bed body is supported;

a support rod extending upward of the floor portion of the bed body; and

a lifting/lowering unit configured to lift/lower the bed body and the support rod,

wherein a lifting member configured to lift the care-requiring person is attached to the support rod,

the support rod is lowered in a case where the bed body is lifted by the lifting/lowering unit, and is lifted in a case where the bed body is lowered by the lifting/lowering unit, and

in a case where the support rod is lowered, at least a position of a lowermost portion of the lifting member attached to the support rod is moved to a predetermined position.

2. The nursing-care device according to claim 1, wherein

in a case where the support rod is lowered, at least the lowermost portion of the lifting member attached to the support rod is moved to below an upper surface of the floor portion of the bed body.

3. The nursing-care device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

a suspension member is attached to the support rod such that the lifting

member is slidable in a direction apart from the bed body, and

the lifting member is able to be lifted/lowered according to lifting/lowering of the support rod after being moved to a predetermined position apart from the bed body by the suspension member.

4. The nursing-care device according to claim 3, wherein

a beam member is provided at the support rod, and

the suspension member is attached to the beam member.

5. The nursing-care device according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

a rod-shaped body is provided along a longitudinal direction of the bed body at an end portion of the support rod on a side opposite to the bed body.

6. The nursing-care device according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein

the lifting member is attached with the lifting member being supported at least at four points.

7. The nursing-care device according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

an opening is formed at the floor portion, and

a water tank is provided at the bed body.

8. The nursing-care device according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein

the support base is separatable from the bed body, and

the support base and the bed body are able to be coupled to each other through a coupling mechanism.

CLAIMS

1. A method for moving, using a nursing-care device, a care receiver from the nursing-care device to other medical or nursing-care equipment, the nursing-care device including a bed body having a rectangular floor portion at an upper surface of the bed body, the bed body having a predetermined area and a predetermined thickness to receive the care receiver, a support base on which the bed body is supported, a support rod extending upward from the floor portion of the bed body, a lifting-lowering unit configured to lift and lower the bed body and the support rod, and a lifting member attached to the support rod to lift the care receiver, the support rod being lowered in synchronization with lifting of the bed body with the lifting-lowering unit and being lifted in synchronization with lowering of the bed body with the lifting-lowering unit, the method comprising:

placing the floor portion of the bed body to have an upper surface at an intermediate lowering position between a height of the care receiver lying on the bed body and a lowermost height to which the bed body is movable in synchronization with the support rod, or placing the lifting member to have a portion fixed to the support rod at an intermediate lifting position between an uppermost height to which the lifting member is movable in synchronization with the bed body and the height of the care receiver lying on the bed body;

placing the lifting member between the care receiver and the bed body and attaching the lifting member to the support rod with the floor portion of the bed body having the upper surface at the intermediate lowering position or with the lifting member having the portion fixed to the support rod at the intermediate lifting position; and

after the placing and attaching the lifting member, lifting the support rod to lift the care receiver from the upper surface of the floor portion of the bed body and lowering the support rod to move at least a lowermost portion of the lifting member attached to the support rod to below the lowermost height to which the upper surface of the floor portion of the bed body is movable in synchronization with the support rod.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein

the nursing-care device includes a suspension member attached to the support rod and on which the lifting member is slidable in a direction apart from the bed body, and the lifting

member is lifted or lowered in response to the support rod being lifted or lowered after being moved to a predetermined position apart from the bed body by the suspension member, and

the lifting and lowering the support rod includes, after the placing and attaching the lifting member, lifting the support rod to lift the care receiver from the upper surface of the floor portion of the bed body, moving the lifting member to the predetermined position apart from the bed body using the suspension member, and lowering the support rod to move at least the lowermost portion of the lifting member attached to the support rod to below the lowermost height to which the upper surface of the floor portion of the bed body is movable in synchronization with the support rod.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein

the support rod includes a beam member, and

the suspension member is attached to the beam member.

4. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein

the support rod includes a rod-shaped body at an end opposite to the bed body, and the rod-shaped body extends along a longitudinal direction of the bed body.

5. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

the lifting member is attached to the support rod at least at four points.

6. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein

the floor portion has an opening, and

the bed body includes a water tank.

7. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

the support base is separable from the bed body, and the support base and the bed body are couplable to each other through a coupling mechanism.