

LAUNCH EDITION!

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**New Safe Patient Handling
Programme**
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Invacare at OT Show 2015
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**The future of
'Double up' care packages**

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Special exhibition
edition for:



25th and 26th Nov 2015 NEC Birmingham
theotshow.com



DON'T MISS OUT

**Breaking down barriers
Invacare speaker session
Showcase Theatre
12:30 Wed, 25 Nov**

Trusted Solutions, Passionate People



Hello...



Yes, you can.®



Welcome to the launch edition of Invacare's Safe Patient Handling Newsletter. We are delighted to be able to bring this issue to you directly from **The OT show**.

For Invacare, The OT Show is a key event in the calendar and gives us an ideal opportunity to speak to and support this important group of Healthcare Professionals.

This issue sees a focus on **client interaction** during hoisting - see how the *Invacare Robin* offers unique benefits here. We also have a feature on the SB755 wide community bed and show how selecting the right width of bed

can support larger clients, their family and carers.

We know Singled Handed Care is moving higher up the agenda for many Local Authorities. We explain how the **Ocean E-VIP** with its fully electrical **tilt in space** and **height adjustment** functions can really help.

We hope you enjoy the read, and please e-mail us if you have any questions at: safepatienthandling@invacare.com.

Thanks
Lisa Cook
Product Manager – Lifestyle

Behind the scenes...



On location at the Hayes Studio in Penarth, Cardiff

As part of our launch activities, we spent the day with our resident photographer, Graham, taking a series of shots of Invacare's fantastic range of Community Equipment designed for **Safe Transfers**.

Meet the new member of our team



Lee Taylor

Lee has recently joined Invacare as Business Development Manager for Safe Patient Handling products, covering the Eastern region. Lee has worked in the healthcare industry for over 5 years and has joined us from Lisclare Ltd where he looked after community and residential care equipment for the Southern Region.

Good Luck Lee!

5 things you didn't know about Lee...

1. How would you describe yourself in two words?
Thoughtful and Positive
2. Any hobbies?
Extreme sport activities and spending time my family
3. Favourite Films?
IP Man, Ray Charles, Troy
4. Perfect holiday destination
Greece, where I got married this year
5. What tip would you share with your 16 year old self?
Never underestimate yourself

Invacare at the OT Show 2015



Invacare will be attending the OT Show, NEC Birmingham on the 25th-26th of November to launch its new **Safe Patient Handling** initiative. This is a 'go to' event for Occupational Therapists in all areas of health and social care, and Invacare is delighted to be supporting awareness and education to this important group of professionals.

We will be located on stand I74, close to Seminar Theatre 1, where our **Safe Patient Handling** team will be on hand to talk about how our educational resources can help **Occupational Therapists** make informed equipment choices.

We will be showcasing a range of equipment; which includes our Ocean Tilt in Space shower chairs as well as the unique Robin overhead hoist.

As part of our commitment to education in this area, we will be presenting a workshop at 12.30pm on Wednesday 25th November entitled -

'Breaking down barriers'
Why is interaction important during transfers

The presentation will cover:

- **Client concerns**
- **Communication**
- **Unpredictable behaviour**

The session will feature the *Invacare Robin overhead hoist* and will explain how a fully interactive environment during hoisting can ensure these matters are managed effectively.



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Last chance to win....



College of
Occupational
Therapists

This is the last chance for OTs to enter our competition for a **FREE delegate place at next year's College of Occupational Therapists Conference in Harrogate...**

Invacare attended this year's annual **COT conference** in Brighton which was a huge success. During the two day conference we ran a competition giving OTs an opportunity to win a **FREE** delegate place at next year's conference. We will be extending the prize draw at the OT Show, so if you didn't get a chance to enter in June come and visit us on stand I74 for your last chance to enter. The winner will be announced before the end of the exhibition... Good Luck!

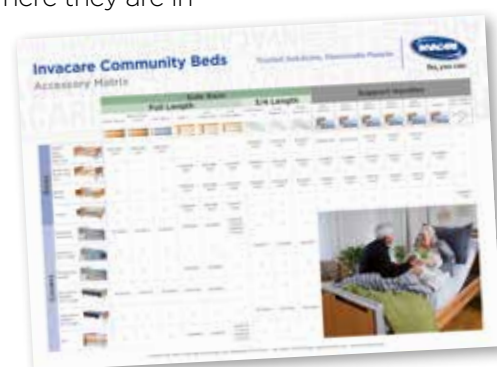
Rhondda Cynon Taff Team - serious about patient safety

To ensure **patient safety in bed**, Invacare has developed a community bed '**Rail Ruler Guide**' to help ensure the gaps on your beds adhere to the latest bed standard **IEC 606001-2-52**. We recently provided a number of these to the Student and District Nurses at **Rhondda Cynon Taff Health Board**, where they are in use on a regular basis and have proved to be extremely **beneficial** when checking **bed, side rail** and **mattress compatibility**.

For your **FREE** ruler, please contact our Customer Service department on 01656 776220 or you can email us at safepatienthandling@invacare.com

Are you unsure which side rails are compatible with which Invacare bed? Why not request a side rail compatibility poster - uk@invacare.com

See more in our next issue...



Invacare® | **Robin**®

Breaking down barriers

The **only hoist** that offers
complete interaction
with your client
during transfer.



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Breaking Down Barriers

Carer and client interaction is a key consideration when planning and implementing a transfer.

Whether using an approved manual handling technique or complex equipment such as an overhead hoist, there are a number of considerations as detailed in 'The Handling of People, 6th Edition', such as:

- Client concerns
- Communication
- Unpredictable behaviour

The selection of equipment which offers a high level of interaction can provide significant benefits for client, family and carers. In addition, in situations where **'Care Packages'** are being assessed, equipment that can facilitate client and carer working closely together, may help to reduce the numbers of carers required for daily activities.

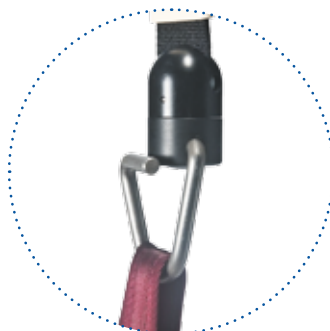


The *Invacare Robin* ceiling hoist provides a unique and innovative method of transfer. The two strap design has no obstructive spreader bar; offering a safe and comfortable transfer with optimal client and carer contact.

The *Robin*, with its unique design can provide a range of benefits that can be more easily managed due to its **'Dual Strap System'**.



This unique feature ensures an **un-interrupted field of vision**, consistent **eye contact** and therefore **optimal verbal and non-verbal communication**. This significantly reduces the fear of the spreader bar that is seen in many client groups. The clear field of vision allows the carer to **reassure the client at all times**. As there is no spreader bar to manage, the carer is free to intervene should any unpredictable behaviour occur.



The self-adjusting strap inlet allows the hoist pod to adjust to the client offering a more comfortable position under the unit. The strap adjustment, rotational hook and 360° rotation allows the POD to self-align, offering stability and positioning. This is particularly beneficial for those with low tone or who exhibit spasm.



The *Invacare Robin* is **compatible** with a number of **main stream manufacturers tracking** systems or can be installed on Invacare E C Track system. There are also a **range of gantry systems** available in single or traverse track formats.



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For more information, come and see Invacare's presentation at The OT Show, 12.30pm Showcase Theatre, Wednesday 25th November, NEC Birmingham, visit us on stand i74 during the exhibition or contact us to organise a demonstration.

The *Aquatec*® **Ocean E-VIP** Taking Care of the Carer

Many Local Authorities (LA's) are currently evaluating the need for **'Double up'** care packages.

It has been recognised that with effective equipment and training, it is possible to implement a **'Single Handed Care'** plan (*OT News, 23(10) 2015 October 2015*). This has been proven to provide significant cost benefits. Additionally the implementation of a well thought out equipment package can offer safe, comfortable and unobtrusive care.

Within the equipment assessment process carer safety is a key requirement. The prevention of back injuries need to be considered as just one of the long-term effects on carers in community and residential care.

It is essential to consider products that are designed to improve the client's experience, as well as assist and protect the carer from injury.

The *Aquatec* **Ocean E-VIP** with its full **electrical adjustment** allows carers to carry out personal care in a comfortable working environment; minimising the risk of injury through adjustments to the height and tilt at the push of a button.



Features & Benefits:

- Electrical height adjustment between 50-10cm to provide easy access and eliminates lifting heavy loads
- Electrically adjustable seat tilt up to 35° to achieve a safe and comfortable seating position
- Lap belt included to ensure safety during positioning process
- Directional castor lock for straight travel
- Headrest included which can be adjusted horizontally and vertically

Support and positioning accessories

Accessories are a key feature of all *Aquatec* **Ocean** shower chairs. By using these modular components, the Ocean E-VIP can be adapted to suit individual clients.

This is **particularly beneficial** for clients who have **degenerative conditions** such as **MS or MND**, who may need additional support as their condition changes.



Solid plastic backrest

Provides a stable seating position. Easy to clean - useful for multiple client use.



Soft backrest cushion

For lateral support, stability and comfort. Reduced width of backrest.



Wider XL armrests

Increases the distance between the armrests by 40mm each side



Calf and Amputee Supports

Padded and height adjustable



Lateral Supports

Width and height adjustable for safe positioning

SB755 Wide

Care solutions for plus sized people



Invacare's **SB755 wide** is a **high specification nursing bed** designed to combine **function, comfort** and **safety**. With a safe working load of 235kg (35 stone), the **SB755 wide** is **ideal for bariatric clients** who require **enhanced positioning** to allow daily activities to be achieved.

The **SB755 wide** is available in two sizes with a **mattress platform** width of **110cm** and **120cm**. The **110cm** version is particularly beneficial for clients who require additional space for **comfort**, but **reduces the risk of back injury to the carer** caused by over-stretching across the width of the bed. The SB755 wide lowers to a 350mm entry height **allowing independent users to transfer** in and out of the bed, reducing the manual handling risk exposed the carer.

Features & Benefits



- **Auto Contour & Auto Regression** - reduces the risk of the client sliding down the bed providing exceptional protection from **shear and friction**.



- Height adjustment range of 350-820mm - Can achieve a safe height to allow an independent transfer as well as transfers aided by the carer.



- Extendable mattress platform - Bed easily extends by 50, 150 or 200mm to accommodate each user.

- Available with a wide range of side rails and accessories
- Fully compliant to the IEC 60601-2-52 international bed standard



Look out for the next newsletter due out **March 2016**



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Out and about

Invacare has signed up to a number of key events and conferences where we will be launching new products and concepts. Come and visit us if you are attending any of the following:

Invacare's Care Home Compliance Seminar



As part of our ongoing educational programme, Invacare was delighted to support Wightman & Parish with their Compliance Seminar held at the Holiday Inn, Gatwick. The day was divided into two sessions which included a presentation on Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment, followed by the importance of adhering to CQC equipment requirements.

Look out for our Invacare Roadshows in 2016.....

Moving & Handling People 2016

February 2nd & 3rd 2016, Human Rights Action Centre Shoreditch, London

Invacare is a key sponsor for this educational event, which is dedicated to supporting those involved in assessing for Moving and Handling tasks in Community and Acute Care. We are also delighted to be supporting the 'Single Carer Working' workshop that will focus on the practical considerations when evaluating care packages.



NAEP: 14th - 15th of June 2016



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