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# Hello...

## and welcome to the June edition of Invacare's Safe Patient Handling Newsletter.

You will notice that this issue is our COT conference exclusive. Invacare is committed to education and we are proud to be a **Bronze sponsor** for this year's conference. We are always looking at ways in which we can support Occupational Therapists, and by providing concise, relevant information as well as **educational resources** we aim to make life a little easier when assessing for products. Look out for the feature entitled **'Safe Patient Handling - Right Product, Rights Reasons'** which may help when evaluating for **'Single Carer'** packages. The **Ocean Dual VIP** featured on page 6, aims to guide you through how the features can provide a clinical benefit to clients who need **postural support whilst showering**.

Thanks

Lisa Cook

Product Manager - Lifestyle

### Invacare announced as partner for the College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference & Exhibition 2016

Invacare is pleased to announce its recent partnership agreement for the College of Occupational Therapists 40th Annual Conference & Exhibition. The event is the only peer reviewed Occupational Therapy conference and we are delighted to be able to support this key calendar event for an important group of clinicians. Come and visit us on **stand 30** where the Safe Patient Handling team will be on hand to discuss how our FREE educational resources can help you make informed equipment choices. The event takes place at the Harrogate International Centre on the 28th - 30th of June 2016.

### Competition winners...

During last year's annual COT conference we ran a competition giving Occupational Therapists the opportunity to win a **FREE delegate place** this year.

**Kathryn Fowler** and **Denisse Da Silva** were the lucky winners! Both Kathryn and Denisse are very pleased that their names have been drawn.

**Visit us on stand 30 to win a place at next year's COT Conference!**

### Invacare sponsor "Moving & Handling People" conference

Invacare was delighted to sponsor this year's 'Moving & Handling People South.' The event took place on the 2nd-3rd of February at the Amnesty International, Human Rights Action Centre in London. The fully CPD certified event consisted of a range of practical workshops as well as seminars focusing on **current Moving & Handling topics**. Delegates had the opportunity to work with Invacare products, including the **unique Robin overhead hoist** which offers an unrivalled level of client/carer interaction and is suitable for **'Single Carer Working'**.\*

Don't miss Invacare at Moving & Handling in conjunction with the DNEX exhibition!



### OT Show—Education Partner

Invacare is pleased to announce its recent agreement as an education partner for **The OT Show 2016**. We will be presenting a selection of **CPD accredited InvAcademy training sessions** in Theatre 1, from 2.15pm to 3.00pm each day.

Full details of the seminar content will follow.



## New Hoist & Sling Assessment Guide now available

As a world leading manufacturer of home healthcare equipment, we are pleased to launch the new edition of our Hoist and Sling Assessment guide for Invacare's Safe Patient Handling range. This useful resource is designed to help healthcare professionals assess clients for the selection of a suitable hoist and sling. The guide covers:

- Safe practice legislation
- Key risk assessment principles
- How to choose the correct sling
- Sling and hoist compatibility



To request a **FREE** copy email [safepatienthandling@invacare.com](mailto:safepatienthandling@invacare.com)

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### Did you know?..

...Invacare offers **FREE** training and support through its InvAcademy programme.

InvAcademy was first introduced in 2011 and has grown to be an established and well reputed training programme. InvAcademy provides a comprehensive programme of over 17 educational courses, and includes both product and technical training on our Safe Patient Handling range.

For more information click the training tab on [www.invacare.co.uk](http://www.invacare.co.uk)

### Meet the team...



### Mandy Owen

Mandy is a **Senior Customer Service Advisor** for Safe Patient Handling and Pressure Area Care products. She joined Invacare in June 2006 and has an amazing **15 years customer service experience**.

#### 5 things you didn't know about Mandy...

**How would you describe yourself in 2 words?**

Fun-loving and conscientious

**Any hobbies?**

Dog walking & reading

**Favourite film?**

Pretty Woman

**Perfect holiday destination?**

Cuba

**What tip would you share with your 16 year old self?**

Go for it and enjoy life

# Safe Patient Handling

Invacare specialises in key pieces of **Safe Patient Handling** equipment that offer an unfussy approach to moving and handling as straightforward educational tools. This feature gives an overview on why Invacare's Safe Patient Handling range is so well **TILEE**<sup>1</sup> risk assessment method.

## Invacare® **Reliant 350 Stand Assist**

Stand assist lifters provide safe, comfortable, powered assistance from one seated position to another, for people who have limited mobility and/or rehabilitation needs. Individuals should have some weight bearing ability, be able to co-operate with instructions and have equal strength on both sides.

The Reliant 350 stand assist is ideal in single carer\* situations to support the safe completion of an **assisted seated to seated transfer**. This easy to use stand assist limits the amount of complexity required to carry out straightforward transfers. It can be set up and demonstrated easily allowing family and carers to be trained quickly in its safe use.

The manual leg operation can be operated with ease, and the clearly laid out handset with arrow indication allows smooth raise and lower functions. The small overall product footprint enables discreet storage in domestic environments and reduces any anxiety of clinical equipment overload.

The high battery capacity, off board charger and spare battery as standard, helps those concerned with keeping the product charged ready for use at all times. An emergency lower function is easily explained.



There are a choice of two sling types that are compatible with stand assist lifters: Stand Assist Sling and Transfer Stand Assist Sling. Stand Assist slings can be used with people who have some weight bearing ability, good trunk control and the ability to hold onto the lifter. The Transfer Stand Assist sling is designed for those with less standing ability, risk of falling and less trunk stability.

Overall, the Reliant 350 is an excellent all round Stand Assist, ideally suited to community and residential care.

## Invacare® **Birdie / Birdie Compact**



Mobile hoists are a flexible and cost effective option to assist in the safe transfer of a client with more limited mobility. The Invacare Birdie can be delivered and set up quickly offering an immediate solution when required.

The Invacare Birdie is ideal for clients who need a hoisting solution due to an acute illness, disability or period of rehabilitation. This discreet hoist folds down for storage and its small footprint means it can fit well into smaller spaces such as domestic environments.

Although compact in size, the Birdie Compact (150kg) hoist offers an excellent lift height and allows clients to be hoisted over the side of the chair to maximise carers' abilities when positioning them correctly in the chair.

The battery capacity allows for 40 cycles which means the battery does not need to be charged on a daily basis. The protected emergency stop button reduces accidental disabling of the product, a common problem in community settings. The coat hanger spreader bar, in two and four point options, allows for a range of slings to be used to meet a wide range of needs. The handset is clearly laid out with a magnetic back for ease of use.

The Invacare Birdie is a straightforward hoist, providing comfort for the client and ease of use for the carer.

# Right Products Right Reasons

tasks; providing **comfort, care** and most importantly **safety**. All Invacare products are supported by product guides as well suited to community and residential care settings and will help support decision making for the Equipment element of the

## Ceiling Track Hoists

Ceiling track hoist systems are ideal for situations that have limited space, or where a more permanent solution is required. The track can be used either as part of a gantry, or fixed ceiling systems. Gantry systems are ideal for short term or more urgent needs, such as hospital discharge or instances where a ceiling track system is awaiting installation. Overhead track hoists are physically easier to use as the carer is not required to move the mobile hoist as well as the weight of the client, making it ideal for **single carer\*** situations.



## Invacare® Robin



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**. Its unique **Dual Strap System** ensures an un-interrupted field of vision and consistent eye contact, allowing **optimal verbal and non-verbal communication**.

## Invacare® I-Transia



The I-Transia is a **reliable** and **highly cost effective** ceiling hoist that is perfect for community and residential care. Designed to meet the wide range of day-to-day lifting needs encountered by carers, the I-Transia allows transfers to be carried out **quickly, safely** and **comfortably**.

## Invacare® Slings

Invacare provides a wide range of sling shapes to support clients in achieving different functions and positions.

Slings can be used for showering, toileting and positioning and come in a variety of fabrics to maximise ease of use and comfort for the client. The quality of the sling is important as they need to be durable, especially in high use environments.



The tabs on the slings and handles give carers excellent cues and guides positioning of the client. The colour coded loops and edging allows detailed care plans to be created for each client to achieve correct positioning and enables clarity for handover.

**For more information on sling compatibility please refer to Invacare bulletin PU661.**



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As part of Invacare's **Safe Patient Handling** programme, an educational video on the correct use of the Invacare Birdie Mobile hoist has been prepared and is available on our YouTube channel Invacare UK.



<sup>1</sup>/ The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 (AMD 2002): Risk assessment should consider the following five elements **TILEE**: Task, Individual, Load, Environment and Equipment.

\*A full risk assessment should be carried out prior to the use of any product with a single carer

# Product Focus: Aquatec® Ocean Dual VIP

Flexible adjustments, along with the ability to add and remove modular components is a key feature of all **Aquatec Ocean** shower chairs. The Aquatec Ocean Dual VIP is a **modular** tilt in space shower chair commode that can compensate for a range of **postural presentations** and **clinical conditions**. The chair can easily be adjusted and accessorised to meet the needs of individuals as their condition changes. Its **tilt in space** and **backrest recline** facility has the potential to achieve the best possible seating and positioning for postural maintenance, as well as pressure care management which can support a wide range of conditions.

## Clinical Features



\*A multi adjustable headrest stem, as well as ergonomic head and neck supports are also available to accommodate more complex needs

# Accessories:

## Seats

Interchangeable apertures to meet a range of client's needs:



Standard soft seat – with key shaped cut out for hygiene access.



Soft seat with small opening – suitable for smaller and younger adults.



Variable horseshoe – allows hygiene access from front, back and side.



Ergonomic soft seat – allows **immersion** into the seat for **pelvic stability** and pressure reduction.

## Lateral support accessories

To assist in posture and seating position.



Lateral – reduces the backrest width and can **help position the trunk**.



Padded backrest cushion for additional **stability** and **positioning**.



Ergonomic head rest holder – Adjustable headrest height and angle adjustable.



Standard headrest.



Angle adjustable legrest – to accommodate individuals with **limitations** in **lower limb joints**.



Safety bar for additional safety.



Armrest locking device – locks armrest into upright or lowered position for security. May be suitable for those who experience tremors or spasm.



## Take a look at our new video to support the Ocean range!

Invacare is excited to launch its brand new video to support the **Ocean range of tilt in space shower chair commodes**. The video has been developed in conjunction with our **Consultant Occupational Therapist** to highlight key features of the chair and its accessories. The video demonstrates how easily the chair can be **adjusted and accessorised** to suit a range of individuals and postural presentations. We'll be launching the video at this year's **COT conference on Stand 33**. If you miss us at the show, the video will also be available to view on our YouTube channel – Invacare Ltd UK.



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## College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference: 28th – 30th of June



Harrogate International Centre,  
Harrogate

## National Back Exchange Conference & Exhibition: 26th-28th of September



Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley

## Moving & Handling People North – in conjunction with DNEX exhibition: 21st – 22nd of September



Newcastle Racecourse,  
Gosforth

## OT Show: 23-24th of November



NEC, Birmingham



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