

Invacare® *Audit Service*

Working together for patient care



Invacare's complimentary audit service

Invacare has been providing a **mattress audit service for over 25 years**. We have extensive experience of **working with NHS Trusts across the UK** and have used this knowledge to offer a tailored solution designed to your requirements. This **free of charge** audit service is essential in the fight against **healthcare acquired infections (HAIs)** and supports **local policies for infection control**.

Regular auditing of mattresses is a key factor in ensuring a safe environment for patients and staff. By working closely with you, Invacare can ensure your equipment continues to meet the high standard of **clinical efficacy** essential in **protecting your patients from pressure ulcers and HAIs**.





The Importance of Audit

Infection and pressure ulcer prevention are high priorities for healthcare providers. There are many government initiatives and incentives in place to reduce the incidence of these avoidable harms which are created when products pose a risk to health. These risks can be prevented by early detection of damaged equipment during the audit process. A mattress or cushion with a compromised cover provides inadequate pressure redistribution, due to the changes to the pressure redistributing properties of the equipment as a result of fluid ingress. Early detection of this will ensure products are fit for purpose in preventing and treating pressure ulcers and can significantly reduce the risk of infection. Effective products can be a valuable addition to pressure ulcer prevention strategies, and are vital for ensuring harm free care.

Working with the latest guidance and legislation

To ensure the Invacare Audit team provide an accurate service, we work within the latest guidelines and legislation, which include:

- UK Department of Health
- Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (M.H.R.A)
- Infection Prevention Society
- BHTA (British Healthcare Trade Association)
- European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP)
- National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE)
- Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC)

Our aim is to assist healthcare professionals with infection control and provide support and guidance on how to meet standards set out by the CQC.

How can Invacare help?

At Invacare, we understand the time and resources required to carry out a successful product audit.

To show our continued support, we provide an unbiased, free of charge audit service to all healthcare sectors. Our highly trained team can carry out an audit on the following products:

- Static Mattresses
- Cushions
- Overlays
- Hybrid Mattresses

The team will inspect all covers, foam and insert materials for wear and strike-through, which occurs when bodily fluids penetrate the outer cover of the product resulting in contamination.



Contamination of foam as a result of strike-through in mattress cover

We can provide evidence where healthcare organisations have saved significant resources by reducing equipment failure rates.

Audit Report

We offer a bespoke and tailored audit service and provide a detailed audit report with presentation of results to suit your needs.

Audit and Placement service

With over 25 years of experience the Invacare Audit team are best placed to offer advice and guidance for the procedure for replacing contaminated equipment. The team, who are professional and approachable, will make the audit a smooth running seamless process and will adapt to the local protocols. With minimum disruption for patients, they are able to perform a complete complimentary audit service in a relatively short period of time.

To make the process even simpler, we **also offer a placement service** in which the team install spare foam and covers as well as complete mattresses, overlays and cushions at the time of the audit (when requested). Damaged or contaminated products can be replaced on the same day, reducing disposal cost and alleviating the need to retain contaminated equipment. Replacing the contaminated components early can significantly reduce cost.



Training opportunity

If you would prefer your members of staff to be involved in the audit, our team will provide tailored training, which involves guiding staff through the audit process and offering support and advice along the way. The Invacare audit team will assist staff in identifying the early signs of ingress and how to make provision to prevent the risk of infection. If staff require general training in 'day to day' mattress care and maintenance, then this can also be delivered by our Business Development team or our Clinical Specialist.

This training can be included as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activity towards the Revalidation process.



What our customers say...

"The Invacare audit team supported NHS Tayside with a service wide mattress audit. The team were professional, polite and efficient and very organised. The communication prior to the audit taking place was excellent. The audit team and the Tissue Viability team worked in partnership which helped the audit process go smoothly. I would recommend the Invacare audit team if you are considering audit in the future."

Jane Nicoll -Lead CNS Tissue Viability -
NHS Tayside - Ninewells Hospital

If you require references on our mattress audit service then please contact us.

Did you know...?

Invacare has many resources available to support and guide staff members on the care and maintenance of pressure redistributing mattresses and cushions:

Information

Mattress Care Poster

Mattress Cleaning Guide A4 Poster

Mattress Moving and Handling A4 Poster

Invacare's Strike Through Resistant Technology (SRT) mattress covers have been seen to demonstrate greatly reduced mattress audit failures and save £'000s in equipment replacement

costs at audit. For details ask one of our team about the clinical product evaluation published in Wounds UK 2015, which is an account of 3 hospitals in Scotland with a beneficial experience of SRT performance over time. To find out more about the great benefits of SRT ask the Invacare team or visit our clinical website www.Invacare.co.uk

We also have additional support material to assist staff with their daily activities:

Information

Pressure Ulcer Grading Poster

Areas At Risk Poster

Concepts of Chair Nursing Poster

Simple...safe...effective...the 30° Tilt
Repositioning Wheel

Quick Guide for Prevention of
Pressure Ulcers,

- For Healthcare Professionals
- For Carers

For more information on our Audit Service or would like to book a date for our team to undertake a mattress audit, then please contact your local Business Development Manager.

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