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**Invacare at the OT Show 2016**  
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compatibility of the Robin**

**Special Event Edition for:**



23rd and 24th Nov 2016 NEC Birmingham



## The OT Show 'Education Partner'

### Don't miss Invacare's speaker sessions in Theatre 1

23rd November, 14.15-15.00:

'Managing posture and pressure in personal care activities'

24th November, 14.15-15.00:

'Shear - Understanding the risk and selecting the appropriate intervention'

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# Hello...

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

We are excited to be returning to **The OT Show** for a second consecutive year!

Invacare has a long standing commitment to education and training on the clinical and technical aspects of our products. The **OT Show's** approach is closely aligned to ours in terms of providing relevant, high quality training to key groups of Healthcare Professionals. We are delighted to offer delegates, within Invacare's sponsored seminar Theatre 1, a sample of our widely recognised training. See page 3 for more details of our CPD accredited sessions, which will take place each show day at 2.15pm.

Don't forget to visit us on stand F50 for your copy of our video on the **Invacare Ocean Dual VIP**. We have prepared this resource as a result of requests from OTs who wanted an easy to understand guide to the modularity of the Ocean tilt in space range and how the accessories can be used to improve comfort, safety and postural support whilst showering.

Thanks

**Lisa Cook**  
Product Manager - Lifestyle

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## Invacare is 'Education Partner' for the OT Show 2016

As announced in our previous newsletter, Invacare has further demonstrated its commitment to education by becoming an 'Education Partner' for the OT show 2016, which is taking place on November 23rd & 24th at the NEC Birmingham.

As a result of this agreement, Invacare will be presenting **CPD accredited** training sessions in the Invacare sponsored **Theatre 1** from 2.15pm to 3.00pm on both days of the event. To find out more information about these clinical training sessions, please see the next page.

Lisa Cook, Product Manager- Lifestyle spoke highly of the partnership, stating "Invacare has a long standing commitment to education and training. We are delighted to be able to offer delegates at the OT Show, within our sponsored seminar theatre, a sample of our training."

**One year's COT  
membership  
FREE!**



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stand F50 to  
find out how!



# Don't miss Invacare's seminars at The OT Show 2016

We will be holding two clinical seminars at the upcoming OT Show.

Located in Invacare's sponsored **Theatre 1** at 2.15pm on each show day, the **CPD certified** seminars will have a clinical focus and will provide delegates with 45-minutes of valuable education on challenges encountered in the community.

The sessions are ideal for Occupational Therapists and Healthcare Professionals looking to build upon their knowledge of these topics.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Wednesday 23rd November

**Invacare's Group Product Manager - Pia Hindersson will address 'Managing posture and pressure in personal care activities'.**

## Thursday 24th November

**Our resident Clinical Specialist - Annie Allsopp will discuss 'Shear - Understanding the risk and selecting the appropriate intervention'.**



Pia Hindersson



Annie Allsopp

More information on the content of each seminar can be found below:

### **Pia's presentation on managing posture and pressure in personal care will cover:**

- How ageing and clinical conditions impact on postural support and pressure area care
- Continuity of care for those who require posture to be managed during personal care
- How the use of modular, tilt in space shower chair solutions can ensure posture and pressure is managed

### **Annie's presentation on Shear - understanding the risk and selecting the appropriate intervention will cover:**

- Identifying pressure ulcer risk
- Understanding the impact of shear on pressure ulcer development
- Selecting equipment based on clinical need and risk



## **Invacare offers OT's support on the *Aquatec Ocean* range**

Choosing the correct equipment to suit a client's needs is one of the most important factors associated with caring. This is why we have created an '**Aquatec Ocean Support Pack**' to help you make informed choices when deciding upon which shower chairs to issue.

The '**Aquatec Ocean Support Pack**', which consists of an *Aquatec Ocean* guide and poster, not only outlines the technical features of the **four chairs within the range** but also helps to highlight the clinical features of the products. Alongside outlining the benefits that the chairs will have to clients, the guide also explains how the **modular chairs** can be fitted with a wide range of accessories to offer extra benefits.



The prescription form supports the ordering process for the *Aquatec Ocean* shower range. It enables the appropriate chair and accessories to be selected during the assessment process and ensures correct and hassle free delivery, usually within a few days.

For more information on the '**Aquatec Ocean Support Pack**' and to pick up yours, please visit us on stand F50 at the OT Show, or e-mail: safepatienthandling@invacare.com for your pack.

# Invacare® Robin®

Breaking down barriers

The **Robin** offers  
**complete interaction**  
with your client  
during transfer



The Robin hoist is compatible with alternative tracking systems

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# Breaking Down Barriers

There are many considerations that need to be addressed when planning and implementing a patient transfer. As noted in 'The Handling of People, 6th Edition' (HOP 6), some of the main considerations that need to be addressed when conducting a patient transfer are:

- Client concerns
- Communication
- Unpredictable behaviour



The selection of appropriate equipment can help to facilitate these considerations and can also provide benefits for the client, family and carer. Additionally, 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 host helps to address some of these considerations whilst also providing a safe and comfortable transfer. Through its unique 'Dual Strap System', the *Robin* not only provides an innovative, safe method of transfer but also helps to promote communication and alleviate client concerns through the absence of an obstructive spreader bar.

The two strap design not only removes the fear of a spreader bar, but also provides a platform for optimal **verbal** and **non-verbal communication** throughout the duration of a transfer. The uninterrupted field of vision offered by the *Robin* allows carers to reassure clients at all times, whilst the absence of a spreader bar allows the carer to intervene should any unpredictable behaviour occur.



## Cross compatibility designed in

For clients who would benefit from the unique 'Dual Strap' design and have an existing tracking system in place, the *Invacare Robin* ceiling hoist can easily be mounted on a number of **manufacturers tracking** systems.

There are a number of track trollies available for the *Robin* that enable the hoist to be fitted to the following manufacturer's tracks:

- Chiltern
- Liko
- Guldman
- Joerns Healthcare

**For more information on the Invacare Robin, please come and visit us on Stand F50 at the OT Show, NEC Birmingham on November 23rd and 24th 2016.**



# The Aquatec® Ocean E-VIP

## Taking Care of the Carer

Many Local Authorities 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). This has been proven to provide significant cost benefits and 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 and 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 injuries through adjustments to the height and tilt at the push of a button.

### Features & Benefits:

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

A key feature of all Aquatec Ocean shower chairs, the Ocean E-VIP is also compatible with a wide range of support and positioning accessories allowing the chair to 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.

### Accessories



#### Solid plastic backrest

Provides a stable upright seating position and is easy to clean and dry - particularly useful in environments where the chair is to be used by multiple clients.



#### Soft backrest cushion

For additional stability and comfort.



#### 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.

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# New Brand Video Launches!

*making life's experiences possible™*

Invacare has recently launched its new inspirational brand video that is designed to inspire and empower its viewers. The video demonstrates how Invacare's products help to make life's experiences possible by playing a key role in the daily lives of many people across the globe.

The inspirational video, which has already been **viewed over 100,000 times on YouTube**, aims to evoke a **'Yes, you can'** mentality amongst individuals by highlighting how Invacare's diverse range of innovative solutions can help them live healthy, active and engaging lifestyles. Whilst bringing to life the Invacare brand promise of **'Trusted Solutions, Passionate People'**, the video also helps to clearly demonstrate what Invacare does and what the company stands for.

To view the video, please search 'Invacare Brand Video 2016' on the Invacare Ltd- UK YouTube channel, and also keep an eye on Invacare UK's Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter platforms.



**You Tube**

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Introducing our new video on the Aquatec® Ocean Dual VIP

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## Meet the new member of our team...

### Ashton Evans

Ashton has recently joined Invacare as a Product Specialist for Safe Patient Handling products. He joins us from Swansea City AFC, where he was working as a Marketing Assistant following his graduation from Cardiff University with a Distinction in MSc Strategic Marketing. Ashton's role will see him generate marketing material for SPH products, conduct market research and assist with product planning, whilst also continuing to strengthen Invacare's working commitment with Occupational Therapists.

Alongside a passion for sport, Ashton also has a keen interest in digital marketing and is currently studying for a CAM Diploma in Digital Marketing.



#### Quick Fire Five with Ashton...

1. How would you describe yourself in two words?  
**Ambitious and committed**
2. What are your hobbies?  
**Playing rugby and video gaming**
3. What is your favourite film?  
**Forrest Gump**
4. Perfect holiday destination?  
**New Zealand**
5. Why Invacare? **The chance to develop at a market leading company in an extremely interesting industry**



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