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Hello...



Welcome to another edition of our Safe Patient Handling newsletter.

This special Occupational Therapy Show edition is full to the brim of updates and newly published resources, including details of **three brand new videos**, which are dedicated to supporting Occupational Therapists and Healthcare Professionals working in the community.

We can't wait to see you all at **The OT Show** - You can't miss us. We will be on **stand E20** - right by the entrance. Pop over for a chat.

Lisa Cook
Product Manager - Lifestyle

Invacare's Safe Patient Handling catalogue is now available

Invacare is pleased to announce that the **Safe Patient Handling 2017-18 catalogue** is now available.

This edition outlines the features, benefits and technical specifications of all the products within Invacare's **Safe Patient Handling** and **Pressure Area Care** ranges. This detailed information is complimented by high quality product and lifestyle images that help to demonstrate the ease of use, functionality and effectiveness of Invacare's bed, lifting, hygiene and pressure area care products.

The catalogue is available to view and download on www.invacare.co.uk. Alternatively, if you would like a printed copy of the catalogue, then please contact Invacare Customer Services on **01656 776222** or ordersuk@invacare.com, and quote order code: 1560945.



Focusing on #CommunityLife

Invacare's approach to **Safe Patient Handling** is about working with you and your own experiences of community life. Our aim is to focus on your involvement in community equipment provision and provide tools and resources that help make holistic assessment easier.

Following the sentiment of the RCOT '#LiveNotExist' campaign, we are also passionate about enabling people with limited mobility and long term health conditions have comfortable, safe and independent lives. Look out for our **#CommunityLife** as we launch tools and resources on our social media channels.



Invacare focus on Safe Patient Handling at The OT Show 2017

As Invacare confirms it's attendance at **The OT Show**, the Safe Patient Handling team are looking forward to continuing their approach towards safe moving and handling in community settings.



Located on **stand E20**, we will be engaging with Occupational Therapists, and Healthcare Professionals alike, to discuss topics of interest and also demonstrate how our bespoke resources can help with **'making informed equipment choices'** in **community environments**.

We are excited to be launching our brand **NEW Safe Patient Handling microsite** at the exhibition. Members of our team will be on hand to demonstrate the functionality of the website and also present how the variety of on-line **educational and clinical content** can assist Occupational Therapists in their daily work.

The focus will be on our core range of **community beds, moving and handling and hygiene equipment**. Following requests from Occupational Therapists we will be presenting the complete family of **Aquatec Ocean** shower chair commodes and the innovative **Invacare Robin** ceiling hoist. You can experience first-hand how they can make a difference to those you care for in the community.

Our experienced and knowledgeable **Business Development Managers** will be available to answer any questions about assessing for our Safe Patient Handling products.

Come and visit us on Stand E20 at the OT Show, NEC Birmingham on 22nd and 23rd November 2017.

Event update: RCOT Specialist Section Neurological Practice Annual Conference

Invacare will continue to deliver its tailored approach to supporting Occupational Therapists with community healthcare solutions at this year's **RCOT Specialist Section Neurological Practice Annual Conference**. This dedicated event takes place on the 28th and 29th September at the Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, London.



College of
Occupational
Therapists

Positioned on **Stand 4**, Invacare's Business Development Managers will be presenting how the modularity of the Aquatec Ocean shower chair commode family is perfectly suited to accommodate those with degenerative neurological conditions, or to support in the rehabilitative process following neurological damage.

Did you know?

New *Aquatec*® *Ocean* videos are now available

Created specifically to **help you assess** for the *Aquatec Ocean* family, Invacare's Safe Patient Handling Team have released two brand new videos on the *Aquatec Ocean* family of shower chair commodes.

These videos, which focus on the *Aquatec Ocean* and *Aquatec Ocean E-VIP* shower chair commodes, now complete a full series that showcases how the flexibility and modularity of the *Ocean* family really makes it **The ONE**.

The *Aquatec Ocean* shower chair commode video demonstrates how it is a modular, flexible solution for personal care that can be adapted to many personal care needs and physical conditions. The video details how the wide **variety of accessories** can be utilized to modify the standard chair to suit many users, including those with rehabilitative and degenerative conditions.



A video dedicated to the *Aquatec Ocean E-VIP* battery operated, shower chair commode demonstrates how the powered adjustment of this fully adjustable shower chair commode enables **single carers*** to carry out personal care activities in safety and comfort. Alongside presenting the various support accessories available, the video also displays how the height and tilt adjustment of the *Aquatec Ocean E-VIP* creates an effortless working environment at the touch of a button.

You can see both videos online now on **Invacare's YouTube channel – Invacare Ltd – UK.**



For more information on the *Aquatec Ocean*, or to request a hard copy of the video, please contact the Invacare marketing team on either **01656 776222**, or **safepatienthandling@invacare.com**. Alternatively, you can contact your local Invacare Business Development Manager.

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

Product Focus: *Aquatec*® *Ocean VIP*

Now suits even more of your clients

Modularity has long been a key feature of the *Aquatec Ocean family* of shower chair commodes, and now a new range of accessories enables the *Aquatec Ocean VIP* to be easily adapted to suit a broader range of body sizes and physical presentations.

Lateral Supports

Reduces the backrest width and helps to safely position smaller trunks.

Our tip: The lateral support can be used individually as well as in a pair.

Shortened footrests

Can be used to support smaller lower limbs.

Our tip: A combination of a shortened and a standard length footrest can be used to accommodate different limb lengths.



Backrest Cushion

Helps provide additional stability and support around the trunk and reduces the overall width of the seat and back.

Our tip: The backrest cushion can also provide additional comfort during hygiene activities.

Small soft seat

Smaller aperture is more suited to smaller or younger adults.

Our tip: A smaller aperture may also be more comfortable for females.

The *Aquatec Ocean VIP* and *Ocean Dual VIP* are ideally suited to adults with deteriorating and changing conditions such as **Muscular Sclerosis (MS)** or **Motor Neurone Disease (MND)**. Now with a combination of new accessories, the shower chair commode can be modified to **fit young adults and smaller body sizes**. These accessories can also be fitted to the full range of shower chair commodes within the *Aquatec Ocean family* to tailor them to the physical needs of smaller adults or young people.

Invacare's Business Development Managers can provide support on *Aquatec Ocean* shower chair commode assessments **free of charge**. Contact Invacare on **01656 776222** or **safepatienthandling@invacare.com** to find out more.

What makes the *Aquatec*® *Ocean* The ONE?

There are several core characteristics of the *Aquatec Ocean* family that positions it as **The ONE** in the eyes of many Healthcare Professionals:

- The highly modular nature allows for the chair to be adapted for degenerative conditions, those with neurological disorders and those in rehabilitation
- Standard models can be retrofitted to create extra large versions to suit larger clients
- The tilt-in-space feature helps to promote positive, safe positioning during hygiene activities
- A variety of lower limb accessories can support lower leg and foot positions, as well as amputees
- Our range of seating accessories help to deliver safety, pressure reduction and postural management

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ONE

Invacare releases NEW Robin video

The Invacare Robin ceiling hoist **has a feature so unique** we have created a video to show you how it **really can optimise transfers**.



The video, featuring our Product Specialist Ashton and model Jake, is set in St.Roses SEN School in Stroud and showcases the various features and benefits that make the *Invacare Robin* a **unique** and **innovative** transfer system. Jake, who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and Ashton demonstrate how the patented **'Dual Strap'** technology, which has no spreader bar, helps to promote optimal verbal and visual communication.

We also highlight the discreet and modern nature of the *Invacare EC Track* system, and show how an X/Y configuration allows the *Invacare Robin* to seamlessly support a variety of transfers, including floor lifts.

The video, along with all of Invacare's Safe Patient Handling videos, is now available to view online on the **Invacare Ltd - UK YouTube channel**.

For more information on the *Invacare Robin*, or to request a hard copy of the video, please contact the Invacare marketing team on either **01656 776222**, or **safepatienthandling@invacare.com**. Alternatively, you can contact your local Invacare Business Development Manager.

The Social Corner

Don't forget to follow **'@InvacareSPH'** on Twitter to keep up-to-date with the latest product launches, exhibition visits and news from Invacare's Safe Patient Handling team!

To keep up with the latest company and industry news, give **'Invacare UK'** a like on Facebook and subscribe to the **'Invacare Ltd - UK'** YouTube channel for product videos and testimonials. Also, keep an eye out for a Safe Patient Handling **LinkedIn** page and **Microsite** coming very soon!



Promotes
Independent
Living

Introducing the NEW Aquatec® Pure Bidet

In a further addition to our hygiene range, we are delighted to launch a brand new electronic bidet toilet seat. The *Aquatec Pure Bidet* offers a modern, discreet solution for providing independence and dignity to individuals who need support with personal hygiene.

Fully **Water Regulations Advisory Scheme (WRAS)** approved and conforming to the **directive 93/42/EEC for medical devices**, the *Aquatec Pure Bidet* is ideal for those with disabilities of mobility impairments who wish to carry out their own personal hygiene, and helps reduce reliance on carers.

Packed with high functionality and a superb range of inbuilt technological features, the electronic bidet toilet seat includes:

- An intuitive hand control with clear buttons
- Adjustable water temperature up to 35°C
- Personal spray head positioning for both posterior and feminine settings
- Automatic shut down when the bidet is not in use

Alongside these features, the versatility of the *Aquatec Pure Bidet* means that it can be easily fitted onto existing toilets*. Furthermore, it is currently the **only electronic bidet in the UK market** that has **WRAS approval** and **Class II medical device classification**¹.



For more information on the Aquatec Pure Bidet, which is available to order now, please contact Invacare Customer Services on either **01656 776222**, or **safepatienthandling@invacare.com**. Alternatively, you can see the *Aquatec Pure Bidet* on **stand E20 at the OT Show** on the 22nd and 23rd November 2017.

Benefits of a bidet

An increasingly popular healthcare solution, an electronic bidet toilet seat can provide a gentle yet effective cleaning solution that can deliver superior personal hygiene, whilst simultaneously alleviating the need for carers to be present.

Some of the benefits of using a bidet include:

- An increased quality of life for those who have trouble carrying out their own personal care
- Can remove dependency on carers to promote single handed care
- Reduction of germ-spreading, due to hands-free operation
- Removal of irritation and skin damage sometimes associated with paper based products

What is WRAS?

The Water Regulations Advisory Scheme, WRAS contributes to the protection of public health by preventing contamination of public water supplies and encourages the efficient use of water (WRAS, 2017).



As a result, any water fitting, which when installed, will carry or receive water from the public's mains supply in the UK, must comply with WRAS.

Ref: Water Regulations Advisory Scheme (2017). 'What is a WRAS Approval?' (Online). www.wras.co.uk/approvals/what_is_a_wras_approval

*The Aquatec Pure Bidet must be installed by a technician trained in plumbing and electrical connection.

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Meet...

Thomas Sergeant

Invacare has great pleasure in welcoming Thomas Sergeant to the company. Thomas, who has 10 years' experience in the Healthcare Industry joins Invacare's Safe Patient Handling Team, where he will look after the Eastern region. He will support the community bed, moving and handling and hygiene product ranges. Having previously worked for a number of stair lift manufacturers, including Minivator and OTO Lifts, Thomas has a great deal of experience supporting OTs and Healthcare Professionals assess for home adaptations and community equipment.

Quick Fire Five with Thomas...

1. How would you describe yourself in two words?

Enthusiastic and Friendly

2. What are your hobbies?

I am a huge Manchester United Fan. I love spending time with my two children, James, aged 14 and Emily, aged 11, who is going on 20!

3. What is your favourite film? **Pulp fiction**

4. Perfect holiday destination?

Mexico or Cuba

5. Why Invacare? **Because Invacare is a market leader in the Healthcare Industry and sells innovative products that enhance the lifestyle of thousands of people across the world.**



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