



Safe Patient Handling

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Invacare at The OT Show

Introducing the Invacare SoftTilt™ - 'In-bed repositioning system'

NEW ScanBeta^{NG}™ paediatric bed now available



Launching at The OT Show

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Invacare continues to support 'The OT Show' as an Education Partner



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As we return to The OT Show as **Education Partner** for another year on the 21st and 22nd November 2018, we are extremely excited to be bringing new introductions to the Safe Patient Handling range.

The Safe Patient Handling team look forward to welcoming all Occupational Therapists to our stand, where we will be on hand to demonstrate how the newly introduced products can support your clients and help carers provide safe, comfortable and dignified care.

Situated on **Stand H30**, we will be focusing on the new **Soft Tilt™** 'in bed' repositioning and pressure ulcer prevention device, along with the much-anticipated introduction of the **Aquatec® Ocean Ergo** family of modular shower chair commodes. (You can find out more about the new shower chair commodes on pages 4 & 5)

Clinical Aspects of Shower Chair Selection

As **Education Partner**, Invacare will also be hosting seminar sessions in **Invacare's sponsored Theatre 1**.

These seminar sessions will be held on:
21st November - 10.45 am
22nd November - 11.30 am

The sessions will cover the **'Clinical Aspects of Shower Chair Selection'** and will complement the launch of the new Aquatec Ocean Ergo range.



There will also be another opportunity to experience Invacare's dedicated **Safe Patient Handling website**. Featuring educational resources and insights, this popular website offers a refreshing approach to help Occupational Therapists and Healthcare Professionals in their daily practice.

Packed with helpful tools and educational resources, **Invacare's 'Community Life Survival Kits'** will be on offer once again, with the **first 50 visitors to stand H30 receiving special VIP kits**.



For more information on Invacare at The OT Show 2018, or to reserve your Community Life Survival Kits', please contact safepatienthandling@invacare.com. Also, follow [@InvacareSPH](https://twitter.com/InvacareSPH) on Twitter for regular updates.

OTAC exhibitions - A great opportunity for education & support



Continuing Invacare's approach of education and support throughout 2018, the Invacare Safe Patient Handling team have attended several **Occupational Therapy Adaptation Conferences (OTAC)** during the year.

OTAC is the UK's only **free Occupational Therapy Adaptations Conference**. These events provide perfect opportunities for Occupational Therapists not only to engage with equipment suppliers, but also receive product updates and educational support around community equipment and adaptations.

This year we delivered educational seminar sessions at 6 events. We were overwhelmed with the interest we received from Occupational Therapists.

We have 1 more event scheduled for the year in **Newcastle** on the **28th November**. At the event, Tom Littley will be delivering a hands on workshop on modular shower chair commodes.

For more information on the events, our educational seminars and plans for OTAC 2019, please visit www.safepatienthandling.co.uk.

Invacare launches Community Junior Equipment Brochure



Invacare is pleased to launch a new solutions brochure that outlines safe patient handling equipment suitable for children or young adults.

Featuring the new *Invacare ScanBeta^{NG}* paediatric bed, the award-winning *Maxxcare Pro Evolution Heelboot* and the *Aquatec[®] Ocean VIP* shower chair commode. The community junior range brochure demonstrates how solutions within our range can help children or young adults have independence, dignity and most importantly safe daily activities.

You can view the brochure online at www.safepatienthandling.co.uk, or request a copy by emailing safepatienthandling@invacare.com.

The **NEW AQUATEC® Ocean Ergo** shower chair range

At this year's **OT Show**, Invacare's Safe Patient Handling team will be launching the brand new *Aquatec Ocean Ergo* shower chair commode range.



Launching on **stand H30**, the Ocean Ergo range consists of transit and self-propel models in both standard and XL sizes. These feature-rich shower chairs will complement the existing tilt-in-space models within the Aquatec range.

Inspired by **user experience** and driven by an understanding that personal care is a fundamental aspect of well being, the Ocean Ergo's have been designed with **user comfort, independence** and **dignity** in mind.

An 'off the shelf', modular solution to community equipment provision



Ocean 24"
Ergo XL ▲

Ocean
Ergo XL ▲

Ocean
Ergo ▲

Ocean 24"
Ergo ▲

Safety, Independence and dignity

A newly contoured seat surface has been developed to encourage a more upright and stable seating position, promoting independence and overall comfort. Enhanced stability at the front of the base allows for a smaller footprint and offers users added safety and reassurance when seated in the chair. Furthermore, the optimised wheelbase makes it even easier for a carer to manoeuvre the chair in small spaces as well as allowing for a better fit over standard toilets for independent toileting.

NEW FEATURES

1 Innovative ergonomic seat

- ▶ Insight-led design encourages a more upright seating position for enhanced independence and comfort

2 Greater adaptability

- ▶ With an increased height adjustment range on the footrests and armrests

4 Compact and easy to handle

- ▶ Optimised wheel base makes it easy to manoeuvre in small spaces

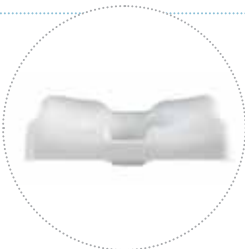
3 Extremely stable

- ▶ Enhanced stability at the front for additional safety and reassurance



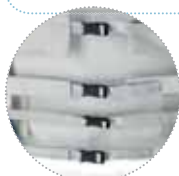
NEW Contoured, ergonomic seat plate

- ▶ Based on the physical imprint left behind when seated
- ▶ A 5° seat tilt lifts the knees into a natural squat position for toileting
- ▶ Transfer supports at the front to allow the user to position themselves into a comfortable position and aid side transfers for active users



OTHER features include:

- ▶ Stable, stainless steel frame
- ▶ Machine washable, tension adjustable back with quick-release buckles
- ▶ Easy disassembly for decontamination, transport and storage



Modular and flexible design

The modular design of the Ocean Ergo means that the chairs can be adapted to suit a wide range of user needs by making some simple adjustments, or by adding some of our easy to fit 'off-the-shelf' accessories.

Highly Configurable

Available with an extensive range of positioning, safety, toileting and seating accessories that can be used to support a wide range of conditions and postural needs.



Positioning



Safety



Toileting



Seating and Backrests

Visit www.safepatienthandling.co.uk to find out more about the Aquatec **Ocean Ergo** shower chair commode range.

Don't forget to attend the 'Clinical Aspects of Shower Chair Selection' seminar in Theatre 1, presented by Invacare's Clinical Specialist - Rhona Moot. 10.45 on 21st November and 11.30 on 22nd November.

Introducing the *Invacare Soft Tilt*TM

The Invacare **Soft Tilt** is a unique and innovative new system designed to automatically reposition patients for pressure ulcer prevention, as well as supporting care staff with daily moving and handling procedures.

The **Soft Tilt** can be easily installed onto the *Invacare SB[®] 755* electric profiling mattress platform, and will work in conjunction with the beds existing movements.



Automated pressure relief

The **Soft Tilt** can be programmed to automatically turn patients at various intervals and angles throughout the day or night; relieving pressure and helping to prevent the development of pressure ulcers. When operating automatically, the wings will never elevate higher than 30° to ensure optimal safety and comfort.



Single carer working

The **Soft Tilt** can be operated manually by a carer, making it ideal for moving and handling tasks within **single carer working environments**. The easy to use hand control allows the carer to elevate the wings to up to 60°, giving full access for sling and slide sheet application as well as personal care. Furthermore, when used in conjunction with the beds' profiling movements, the **Soft Tilt** allows the carer to safely transfer the patient in and out of bed with minimal effort, protecting from potential back injury.

Enhanced patient and carer comfort

Thanks to the silent, gentle and automated movements of the **Soft Tilt**, elderly and disabled people can enjoy a more peaceful, undisturbed sleep. Moreover, carers benefit from a more comfortable working environment and avoid the risk of back injury that can be caused during moving and handling tasks.

The **Soft Tilt** will be present on Stand H30 at The OT Show - Visit us to find out more. You can also see the **Soft Tilt** on our YouTube page - [Invacare Ltd - UK](#).

CASE STUDY - 24 Day Trial Period, Denmark

A female patient with bone cancer, suffering with pain in her back and right side.

The challenges faced

When being repositioned and when lying on her back and right side, the patient experienced pain. She spent most of her time on her left side. She uses an air mattress with a turning aid and is supported by positioning pads. The turning aid caused her too much pain so she was turned manually by staff.

Aims and objectives

1. Can the patient be repositioned without causing her pain?
2. Reduce the number of positioning pads used.

Solution

Initially, the automated program was used for the whole day (24/7). Various angles and time intervals were trailed.

Result

When the **Soft Tilt** was operating automatically, the lady was waking up constantly throughout the night. As an alternative, the manual tilt was used every second hour. One wing was tilted to the maximum 60° with the secondary wing elevated slightly so the user could sleep on her side and still benefited from the support of her air mattress. Care staff also used the manual function for personal care.

Summary

The patient can now lie on her back and on both sides without pain. Positioning pads are no longer required. A full series of case studies are available upon request.



Slings – why over complicate?

At Invacare we know that time is precious, so we don't over complicate solutions within our Safe Patient Handling range. This includes our sling range, which consists of a cost effective selection of standard sling styles that help to support clients and carers in achieving a variety of transfers. Our slings have been developed in collaboration with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists and designed to ensure optimal fit and support for the client, whilst ensuring ease of application for the carer.

To ensure optimal support for a range of applications, our slings are available in a variety of materials:

Visit us on stand H30 to ask about how our slings can support children and young adults



Fabrics



Solid Polyester

A standard material that is easy to apply – slides smoothly and dries quickly after washing.



Net

Used for bathing or showering.



Spacer

A slightly elastic fabric that adapts to the user's body shape. Can be left in situ.*

All of our slings are colour coded at the edge band to help simplify selection. Suitable for individuals ranging from 25kg up to 250kg, our sling range can be used on a variety of clients ranging from paediatric to bariatric.

A matrix of the slings that we offer can be found below:

Sling range

Sling Types	Fabric Matrix			Size Matrix				
	Solid	Net	Spacer	XS	S	M	L	XL
Universal Low	●				●	●	●	
Universal Standard	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Universal High	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Universal High Plus	●	●	●		●	●	●	● ¹
Dress Toileting	●				●	●	●	●
Dress Toileting High	●				●	●	●	●
Easy-fit	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Amputee	●				●	●	●	●
Comfort		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Comfort Toilet	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Comfort Standard		●	●		●	●	●	●
Standing Transfer Vest	●			●	●	●	●	●
Stand Assist	●				●	●	●	●
Transfer Stand Assist	●				●	●	●	●

*A risk assessment must be carried out before leaving a sling in-situ.

Invacare has created a 'Hoist and Sling Assessment Guidelines' resource, to help make assessment for lifting equipment easier. For more information on the guide, please visit www.safepatienthandling.co.uk or email ordersuk@invacare.com to request your copy.



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Meet... Kim Reid

Invacare Safe Patient Handling is pleased to welcome **Kim Reid** to the team as an Associate Product Specialist.

Kim joins Invacare from PRA Health Sciences, where she was responsible for operating clinical trials. Using her wealth of clinical knowledge, Kim will assist in the marketing and management of Invacare's Safe Patient Handling category and the Pressure Area Care division. Kim is eagerly looking forward to **The OT Show** later this month where she can meet and learn from Occupational Therapists and Healthcare Professionals.

We welcome Kim to the team and wish her all the very best in her new role.



Quick Fire Five with Kim...

1. How would you describe yourself in two words?
Enthusiastic and Creative
2. What are your hobbies?
I enjoy photography, traveling and Ice Hockey (watching not playing).

3. What is your favourite film?
The Green Mile
4. Perfect holiday destination?
I would love to visit Japan
5. Why Invacare?
Because our products can change people's lives.

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