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Encompass Group offers the Liftaem™ lateral patient transfer system

McDonough, GA–(January 2011)–Encompass Group has an agreement with Smart Medical Technology, Inc, Darien, Ill, as the exclusive U.S. sales and support source for the Liftaem™ safe-patient-handling system.

The Liftaem™ system enables healthcare professionals to easily transfer a patient from a bed to a stretcher or other surface on a single-patient-use inflatable mat — even when the patient weighs up to 1,000 lbs. It's the only product of its kind featuring single-patient-use mats, which prevent cross-contamination — a priority in health care.

The Liftaem™ system is compact, portable, and provides a safe, efficient, and affordable method of patient transfer that's better for patient care than traditional methods of lateral transfer and helps reduce back injuries for healthcare professionals.

It's estimated that over forty-four million patients must be transferred each year. A lift team of four-to-six health care professionals traditionally accomplishes this. Every day the average nurse lifts 1.8 tons per shift. 12% of nurses leave the profession due to back pain, and 52% complain of chronic back pain. Patients may suffer pain, skin tears, abrasions, dislocations, tube dislodgement or even be dropped. The Liftaem™ system allows transfers to be accomplished by just one health care professional with virtually no risk of injury to the patient or themselves.

Several states have adopted "no-lift" policies that call for health care employers to implement safe-patient-handling policies and provide systems to perform the lifting, transferring and positioning of patients that don't require undo physical exertion.

More information about the Liftaem™ safe-patient-handling system can be found at www.smartmedtechnology.com.

About Encompass Group

Encompass Group, LLC (McDonough, GA) is one of the leading manufacturers and marketers of reusable textiles, professional apparel and disposable and single use medical products. For nearly a century, Encompass has been helping health care and hospitality organizations create safe and comfortable environments for patients, staff, residents and guests. By focusing on innovation, product knowledge and customer service, we strive to always meet the needs of our clients and surpass their expectations.

Our people and services, combined with our comprehensive distribution and manufacturing facilities, allow Encompass to offer our customers the broadest spectrum of textile related solutions in the health care marketplace today. For more information, contact Encompass Group Vice President, Marketing at joe.przepiorka@encompassgroup.net, 800 797 1107.

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