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Early Warning Bed Alarm

AliMed's Universal Alarm Strap with the TR2 Tamper-Resistant Alarm is not a restraint, and enables the patient to sit up, roll from side



to side, and slide up and down the bed. As soon as the patient tries to get out of bed, the alarm sounds. AliMed's new TR2 Alarm incorporates a durable new ABS plastic case with rubber bumpers and tamper-resistant features to

reduce the possibility of restless patients disabling the unit. Offering extended battery life, the TR2 Alarm, when used with the Universal Alarm Strap, provides both tamper-resistance and an early warning.

AliMed

For more information, circle reader service number 11 or visit www.alimed.com

Retractable Deck and Patio Canopies

ShadeTree offers shade solutions for senior living facilties. These modular canopies ride on tracks and feature Sunbrella commercial awning fabrics. A built-in wind-release mechanism prevents damage. Overhead canopies



adapt to new or existing structures, and complete support structures are available in powder-coated aluminum or vinyl. No pitch is required, with unsupported spans exceeding 20 feet. Larger areas can be covered with additional support posts. On-staff designers can create custom drawings and ShadeTree's on-line estimator tool can help you budget for the installation.

• ShadeTree Systems, L.L.C. For more information, circle reader service number 7 or visit www.shadetreecanopies.com

Shower Units

Best Bath's four-piece shower unit features a tile finish and a molded seat, and can be retrofitted



for an existing bathroom configuration. All units feature self-leveling bases and 5/8-inch integral plywood backing behind all walls, allowing placement of safety bars, seats, and other accessories.

Best Bath Systems
 For more information,
 circle reader service number 12
 or visit www.best-bath.com

Emergency Response System

The new Guardian Talker 2500 Dialer can monitor 10 wireless devices (pendant, pull cord, smoke detector, etc.), report the alarm to a PC, and automatically provide two-way voice communication to the alarming resident's apartment. The dialer can also be used without a PC and delivers the alarming apartment's number in a



voice recording, before opening up automatic voice communications.

 Guardian Systems Inc. For more information, <u>circle reader service number 16</u> or visit www.guardianusa.com

Resident Assistance Product

The Ableware AbleRise Single Bed Assist can help residents in and out of bed and aid in fall prevention, and features a storage compartment. An easy-grip plastic handle eliminates the static shock that can occur with metal bed rails and can also be used by residents during repositioning in bed. Rail slides can be



installed between the mattress and box spring. The bar extends 39.25 inches under the mattress and includes a strap that can be attached to the opposite end of the bed frame for additional stability. The handle is 20 inches wide and height-adjustable from 16.375 to 18.625 inches. The device fits twin, full, queen, and king size beds, is not for use on mechanical beds, and has a suggested list price of \$109.50.

 Maddak Inc.
 For more information, circle reader service number 17 or visit www.maddak.com

Resident Chair for Mobility

The Evolution chair from Optima Products features a center-mounted wheel, allowing people with limited range of motion to propel themselves using hands, feet, or both. The seat

height adjusts to a low of 14.5 inches for improved foot propulsion and fall reduction. An adjustable seat-depth and tilt-in-space feature can reduce sliding and slumping, while contoured cushions evenly distribute weight for improved comfort and pressure management during long periods of sitting. A variety of positioning accessories are also available.



• Optima Products For more information, circle reader service number 18 or visit www.optimaol.com



Pharmacy Software Upgrade

Softwriters releases Pharmacy FrameworkLTC Version 3.0, designed especially for closed-door, institutional, long-term care pharmacies.



With FrameworkLTC, it is possible to designate more than one allowable package type in each nursing station, and users can also speci-

fy multiple zones for each drug product in the formulary, add additional zones for each drug, delete existing zones, or change the ranking of zones. Pharmacists can specify the purchase package size for each drug in the formulary, allowing you to handle situations in which the vendor's package size differs from the MediSpan package quantity. And an Inventory Forecast Calculator allows you to forecast the usage for a particular drug over a specified number of periods.

Softwriters, Inc.
 For more information,
 circle reader service number 21
 or visit www.frameworkltc.com

Book Reader with OCR and Text-to-Speech Features

Plustek's text-to-speech device, the Plustek Book Reader, acts as a reading device for the visually impaired. The Book Reader comes with Optical Character Recognition (OCR), and Text-to-Speech (TTS) software, both of which



allow the scanner to copy and "read" the documents scanned. The user places a book or document on the screen, presses a button, and the Book Reader transforms printed words into audio output, which can be saved in MP3 format for future access. The Book Reader is bundled with ScanSoft's RealSpeak Solo 4 to provide lifelike voices.

Plustek Inc.
 For more information,
 circle reader service number 25
 or visit www.plustek.com

Surface Decontamination Wipes



Alcavis' Bleach Wipes offer a consistent concentration of bleach in a prediluted, single- or double-packaged

towlette. The 1:100 dilution provides general surface cleaning without causing premature degradation of expensive equipment. This product meets CDC recommendations and OSHA requirements for surface disinfection at 500ppm. The Alcavis 1:10 Dilution Bleach Wipe is an EPA-registered tuberculocidal, virucidal, and bacteriacidal product for larger blood spills and high-risk situations.

 Alcavis International Inc. For more information, circle reader service number 26 or visit www.alcavis.com

Wander Prevention System

VeriChip's RoamAlert system combines wander-prevention, emergency-call, and residentlocating features. The name of the resident, his/her location, and a picture can be displayed on one or several computers. With the addition of personal pendants, residents and staff can call for help, and residents can be located in emergencies. The system features individual user passwords for software access and bypassing exits, so that only authorized staff can escort a resident through a door. RoamAlert also provides a detailed log of all system activity, including the time, resident, and staff member. You can customize the level of protection for each resident—letting resi-



dents pass through some exits, but not others. For smaller facilities with one or two exits and few residents to monitor, VeriChip offers the RoamAlert ECO product.

 VeriChip Corporation For more information, circle reader service number 19 or visit www.verichiphealthcare.com

Behavioral Monitoring System

The QuietCare behavioral monitoring system is now available with two new features: wander alerts for dementia-related illnesses and nightmotion alerts for seniors at risk of falling. Wander alerts notify staff that a resident is leav-

ing their apartment or room at night. Night motion alerts notify staff that a resident, at risk of falling during normal sleep times, is leaving their bed. Bedroom sensors are positioned to trigger as soon as a senior leaves the



bed, sending an alert message to staff so they can ensure the resident is not in need. QuietCare also remotely alerts caregivers to potential medical emergencies, such as possible bathroom falls, thereby enabling an early intervention. The system also provides alerts when the room temperature is dangerously high or low.

• Living Independently Group, Inc. For more information, circle reader service number 23 or visit www.quietcaresystems.com

Repositioning Aid

Vander-Clips can enhance ergonomic lift programs by aiding caregivers in repositioning bedridden patients/residents. They can be used with any total or overhead lifts, hold any turning or repositioning sheet, and assist in the position-



ing and placement of slings and slide sheets. Vander-Clips allow one-person operation to reduce stress on staff and improve patient/resident dignity and comfort. The clips can also aid in repositioning people with bedsores or other wound care requirements.

• Vancare Inc. For more information, circle reader service number 57 or visit www.vancare.com