Hill-Rom Adds New Pressure-Relief Mattress to VersaCare™ Bed System

New Surface Helps Fight Pressure Ulcers, Expands Range of Surfaces Available for Popular Bed System


The PrimeAire® ARS Pressure Relief Mattress for the VersaCare(TM) Bed System features non-powered, air-based technology to provide performance superior to traditional foam mattresses. The mattress provides hospitals and long-term care facilities with many of the benefits of high-performance surfaces, but at a lower cost.

With several features designed to relieve pressure on the patient’s skin, the PrimeAire® ARS Pressure Relief Mattress helps reduce the risk of pressure ulcers forming, particularly in sensitive areas such as the heel. Along with enhanced performance, the mattress is also engineered to improve safety and comfort, providing caregivers with three attributes they seek when treating patients.

The PrimeAire® mattress is equipped with the Air Reflex(TM) System. This pressure-relief technology has patented, multi-chambered air cylinders that gently expand and contract with patient movement, providing continually equalized pressure without the power source required to distribute pressure in high-end treatment surfaces.

With the addition of the PrimeAire® ARS Pressure Relief Mattress, the popular VersaCare(TM) Bed System now has a full range of surfaces, including foam and powered air, available to caregivers looking for the most effective way to treat their patients.

The VersaCare(TM) bed system, announced March 25, 2004, is a full-featured hospital bed designed to help deliver effective wound therapy and improved patient and caregiver safety in acute-care environments. It is equipped with features to meet a variety of patient and caregiver needs, such as low bed height and LowChair(TM) positioning for easier and safer exit and entry, the FlexAfoot(TM) mechanism to help keep patients in position within the bed, Turn Assist options, IntelliDrive® power-assist transport system, and an Active Integrated Response(TM) treatment mattress.

The VersaCare(TM) Bed System joins a comprehensive patient care bed offering that includes the innovative TotalCare® Bed System, the new CareAssist(TM) bed, and a variety of other specialty beds, such as the Clinitron® Air Fluidized Therapy System.

About Hill-Rom
Hill-Rom helps healthcare professionals safely deliver effective and efficient care to their patients in acute care, long-term care and home care environments. The company’s extensive product and service offering includes: patient care beds, stretchers, therapeutic surfaces and devices, workflow solutions, nurse communication systems, headwalls and facility assessments.

In addition, the company provides comprehensive asset management programs and on-demand medical equipment rental utilizing its 200 service centers located strategically throughout the United States. The company also offers expert clinical and equipment services and programs that can help improve asset productivity, operational efficiency and patient outcomes. Hill-Rom’s global headquarters is based in Batesville, Ind., and employs approximately 6,500 people worldwide. It is an operating company of Hillenbrand Industries (NYSE: HB).

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