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Is It Time To Invest In Home Medical Equipment?

If you are caring for someone with a health condition, chronic or terminal illness, you may need home medical equipment to make caring for them more manageable. Having specialized equipment also helps caregivers to monitor fluctuations in a loved one's medical condition and enables them to give medical professionals a more accurate report when they visit. Investing in home medical equipment can be cost-effective in the long-term. Home medical equipment like hospital beds, wheelchairs and nebulizers, save money that would otherwise be spent on these device rentals or hospital visits. Some equipment monitors daily health and helps the caregiver give an accurate report when they see a doctor. There are even smart medical devices programmed to notify emergency contacts if the patient rapidly declines. This quick action and response can save a patient's life. Also, because this medical equipment is on hand when the patient needs it, emergency care is easy to provide while you wait for first responders.

A caregiver who is considering a hospital bed for home use should ask the following:

- Are you providing incontinence care or bathing care?
- Does the patient need to sleep with their head or feet elevated?

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- Are you concerned about keeping yourself and the patient safe when helping them in and out of bed?
- If you're the patient's partner and you've been sleeping in the same bed up to this point, are you ready to sleep separately?

If the answer to these questions is “yes,” then it’s worth looking into a hospital bed that provides mechanical lift assistance. A hospital bed at home isn’t just useful for the person who sleeps in it—it can also save caregivers from musculoskeletal injuries. Bending over beds to assist with bathing, changing briefs and changing bed pads and sheets can be a strain for caregivers. By raising the entire bed to a height that enables appropriate care of the patient they can avoid that added strain. Beyond physical comfort, a hospital bed that can be controlled by the patient can also improve quality of life and support a sense of independence.

There are so many helpful home medical equipment. Choosing the right equipment for you can be challenging, and we are here to help. We offer a variety in-store but more importantly our expert staff are here to guide you and answer your questions. We are here to help.

Product Spotlight

In this issue we want to spotlight our Medline Electric Hospital Bed and Immersus® mattress. Medline beds feature recessed headspring supports and foot assembly that reduce the chance of pinching and injuries. Medline beds are easy to wipe down and can be cleaned without having to remove the motor and end panels. Add to it an Immersus® mattress and you have the perfect combination. The Immersus® Mattress is designed specifically for high acuity patients, elderly patients and end of life patients who either have or are at risk of pressure injuries and falls. Designed by clinicians and engineers, it has an ergonomic offloading design, while immersing the body to create very low tissue interface pressures that allow adequate blood flow. Three distinct sections, as well as a patented “T” Zone, and firm stability and transfer edges help the Immersus® Mattress to provide protection from wounds and falls. This mattress is clinically validated via a multi-patient, peer-reviewed clinical outcome study. The study showed that patients were safer, more comfortable and did not fall or develop pressure injuries while using the Immersus® Mattress. Come in today and learn more about our hospital beds and mattresses.

