



PRODUCT *of the Month*

A Solution that Measures Up for Nurses and Patients

If a straw poll were taken of one of the most unpleasant task nurses and nurses aides must perform, the #1 answer would most likely be changing bedpans.

The care plan for many patients includes physicians' orders for daily recording of a patient's fluid intake and output. With a standard bedpan this requires carrying the bedpan full of fluid into another room and then pouring the fluid into a separate measuring container. Accidental spills, hygiene issues, and poor recording compliance are common results.

Until now.

TSK Products Inc., has just introduced a unique feature to its popular Universal Bedpan™ called the EZMeasure™. Michael Klein, Vice President, said that the EZMeasure™ feature allows a nurse to capture, measure and dispose of fluid in just one easy step.

"EZMeasure™ eliminates the need for a separate measuring container and it will save the hospital money, will save the nursing staff precious time, and will help improve recording compliance," he noted.

The Universal Bedpan™ was originally designed for large, obese, bariatric patients, however, its popularity has grown significantly and now is being used with other limited mobility patients such as stroke, orthopedic surgery, oncology, urology and cardiac patients.

The Universal Bedpan's™ unique design gives it a body conforming shape that features a large, flat seating platform that makes it much more comfortable than conventional bedpans. Its tapered design allows it to slide under the patient and then remove very easily thus eliminating the need to roll, move or lift the patient. It does not pinch or dig into the patient's skin. The Universal Bedpan's™ deep wall and high capacity well construction retains all liquids inside the bedpan, which prevents the unfortunate spills that are upsetting to both the patient and nursing staff. The spill prevention capability creates more efficiency in the delivery of health care services to patients and significantly reduces the need for linen changes and patient cleaning.

"The typical bedpan that has been used in hospital for many years is made of polystyrene, which is a very hard and brittle polymer and that is one reason why people don't like using bedpans - they can be hard as a rock," Klein said. "If an elderly person or a patient with skin integrity issues is sitting on a hard bedpan for a long enough time, it can induce capillary closure pressure and can cause issues with skin breakdown."

TSK Products' Universal Bedpan™ is made of a polymers that are softer and more pliable than polystyrene. The Universal Bedpan™ is much more comfortable to use, especially for larger patients, than the typical hospital bedpan.



TSK Products is a nurse-run, minority, woman-owned business. TSK Products manufactures The Universal Bedpan™, with EZMeasure™ in the United States.

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