

Otto Bock HealthCare Introduces the First in the New PRO Series of Fully Programmable Continuous Passive Motion Devices

Latest in digital technology sets the LiteLift PRO Knee CPM & 480E PRO Series Knee CPM apart from the competition

August 25, 2009 / Minneapolis, MN - With the recent release of the LiteLift PRO Knee and 480E PRO Series Knee CPM devices that utilize a universal, programmable electronics platform, Otto Bock continues to be recognized as the global leader in continuous passive motion technology.

Using state-of-the-art electronics, the LiteLift and 480E CPM devices are the first in a series to use the PRO controller that cross-platforms to each machine. This means improved patient compliance tracking capabilities as the PRO controller not only tracks hours the CPM devices are used, but also the number of sessions and sessions per day. This differs from other devices which only track time and have no way of determining if a patient followed specific protocol.

Extensive research was performed to better understand exactly how Otto Bock's CPM products are used in the hospital and in the home setting. Interviewed were countless patients, physicians, hospital staff and therapists – along with Otto Bock's own team of Patient Service Representatives and Sales Representatives – to fully understand the challenges faced in actual patient involved situations. The new PRO controller was designed with this feedback in mind.

"The number one request from our customers and our staff was to make the products easier to use for them and especially for the patients, and the new PRO controller interface has been designed to address that recommendation," notes Cariann Hogin, Director of Marketing for Otto Bock.

Highlights of the PRO controller include a larger, easier to read LCD screen, realistic visual graphics including a progression bar to motivate patients and allow them to monitor their progress, a navigation bar designed after commonly used consumer electronics (i.e. cell-phones), and multiple screens to better separate specific user tasks.

Most importantly, programmability was added which allows the PRO system to run a comprehensive protocol with just a touch of the “start” button.

The PRO controller is designed to be applied to all Otto Bock CPM devices in the future including a knee, elbow, shoulder, forearm, wrist, hand, ankle and toe CPM. The PRO Series of products is available only from Otto Bock.

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