CareFlex HydroCare® and HydroTilt®

# Specialist Seating in Dementia Care





## Providing Comfort and Care for People with Dementia

According to the Alzheimer's Research Trust, there are around 820,000 people with dementia in the UK. Dementia mainly affects older people, and as our abilities lessen we tend to sit for longer periods of time; the comfy chair we regularly sit in quickly becomes a focal point for interaction, activity and rest.

"When older people decide to be seated in a comfortable chair, they are choosing a place with meaning and a strategic position within the environment – and they are likely to sit for a long period of time." J A Koncelik (author and expert in product design for older people)

However our capacity to sit correctly is affected by both our physical and cognitive abilities (which tend to deteriorate with dementia) and therefore choosing the right chair for the patient is an important consideration. A good seating system can help promote security, independence and social inclusion for the individual, whilst maintaining good posture and pressure management.

### Helping to Meet the Needs of Patients and Carers

At CareFlex, our chairs are designed with both patients and care providers in mind:

- Durable: our high quality chairs are specially designed to be robust, simple to clean and easy to move – suitable for long-lasting care.
- Adaptable: easy to set-up and simple to adjust, our chairs are flexible for different sized occupants and varied activities.
- Postural Support: a tailored fit for each user aids comfort and stability whilst preventing soft tissue damage through poor posture or shear, and helps the occupant to safely rise to standing.
- Pressure Relief: for dementia customers we recommend our warm, soft, stretchy fabrics to maintain skin integrity and a sense of familiarity, in combination with our patented WaterCell Technology to provide excellent pressure management.

#### CareFlex: Innovative Specialist Seating Since 1995



#### HydroCare®

A supportive, modern and adaptable chair that incorporates a wide range of features as standard – the HydroCare provides high levels of comfort to encourage feelings of security, calmness and relaxation.

- Seat depth adjustment plus nine combinations of seat width and height allow a perfect fit
- 3 fixed seat angle options (10°/15°/20°) to encourage a stable and restful posture
- Interchangeable back options Flat, Contoured and Waterfall
- Integral CareFlex WaterCell Technology® providing pressure relief as standard
- Back Angle Recline promotes flexible usage upright for mealtimes and activities, reclining for relaxation
- · Integral sliding footplate as standard
- Low profile, twin wheel braked castors for easy portering



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#### HydroTilt®

With an adaptable fit and Tilt-in-Space functionality, the HydroTilt is a good choice where posture and pressure management are of equal priority. The HydroTilt also provides high levels of comfort and robust construction making it suitable for long-term care.

- Easy-to-use Tilt-in-Space functionality allows carers to alter the occupant's position easily to re-distribute pressure and combat fatigue without compromising their postural support
- Independently elevating legrest to enhance postural stability
- WaterCell Technology in seat and backrest as standardoffers effective pressure relief through the range of "Tilt-in-Space"
- Two braked and two swivel castors for smooth portering
- Wide range of posture management accessories for enhanced comfort
- Removable covers available in a range of colours for easy cleaning and customisation
- A choice of wooden or soft hand grips to provide familiarity and reassurance to users

#### **Considerations When Selecting Your Chair**

| Consideration                                  | Hydro Care® | HydroTilt <sup>®</sup> |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| Person is ambulant                             | •           |                        |
| Person is semi-ambulant                        | •           |                        |
| Person is hoist transferred                    |             | •                      |
| Pressure relief required                       | •           | •                      |
| Moderate lateral support required              | •           | •                      |
| Adjustable lateral support required            |             | •                      |
| Domestic use                                   | •           | •                      |
| Residential care environment use               | •           | •                      |
| Person to be portered in chair                 | •           | •                      |
| Leg elevation required                         | •           | •                      |
| Foot support required when legs elevated       |             | •                      |
| Hip angle adjustment required                  | •           |                        |
| 'Tilt-in-Space' for frequent positional change |             | •                      |
| Pelvic strap or harnesses required             | •           | •                      |

#### **About CareFlex**

CareFlex has produced innovative specialist seating in the UK since 1995. During that time we've built an enviable reputation by listening carefully to our customers and manufacturing products of the highest quality, designed to meet the needs of a wide range of people - both patients and care providers. Our painstaking design, trialling and testing processes mean that a CareFlex chair can be prescribed with complete confidence.

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