The Merry Walker[©] Ambulation Device for

Hospitalized Patient Information

FEATURE	BENEFITS	BOTTOM LINE RESULTS	
	Patient in sturdy, safe walking device	✓ Immediately reduces muscle atrophy, 5% per day, from bed rest	
 Patient surrounded by tubular steel frame Seat positioned just behind Patient 	 Only one assist needed to transfer in/out. When Patient needs to sit, Patient just sits – no setting brakes, no turning around, no CNA trying to catch Patient with gait belt or with wheelchair. 	 ✓ Reduces "get up and walk" anxiety ✓ Increases Patient return to prehospital physical conditions ✓ Patient returns to home faster by 	
Arms act as parallel bars	Easier to reach sit-to-stand position to walk	walking earlier	
Front cross arm at comfortable height	 Easy to move and steer (guide). 	✓ Patient walks more often	
• 4 swivel-rolling casters	Enables Geri-Psych Patients to get up and walk and reduce wheelchair use on unit.	✓ Promotes independent walking✓ Only one assist needed to transfer in/out	
Rear casters lock as Patient transfers	Walker stationary as Patient gets in and out of Merry Walker	✓ Reduces Patient fall risk	
Bottom-weighted	• Tip-Resistant		
Safety Strap	Strap catches Patient before she/he hits floor if Patient trips or stumbles	✓ Reduces Patient fall risk	
No gait belts involved	 Getting up and walking is simpler, quicker, less strenuous; Only one assist required; a Relative may make assist and walk Patient 	✓ Patient walks	
• Sturdy, cushioned seat	Comfortable padded/washable seat	✓ Patient can sit, rest as needed	
Powder-coated metal surfaces	Easy to clean and sanitize, fabric can be made of vinyl fabric. May be used by	✓ Prevents spread of infection	
Washable fabrics	many Patients.		
Fabrics meet California fire standards	Safe to use; minimal fire risk	✓ Promotes safe environment	
• Foldable	Easy to transport and store	✓ Reduces room clutter	
 Seat and back give support without pressure on tailbone 	 Prevents/ pressure sores as Walking Patients do not get pressure sores 	✓ Promotes prevention and healing pressure sores	