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IMMEDIATE CARE UNIT

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NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICE AUGMENTING THE VOLUNTARY & STATUTORY EMERGENCY SECTORS IN THE SOUTH
TRAUMA NURSING CARE, FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY AMBULANCE PROVISION FOR EQUESTRIAN COMPETITORS
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Napier Quill Ltd.,
14, Quill Lane,
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1st August 1998

Dear Sir,

CombiCarrier Unit.

On the 14th May we took delivery of the CombiCarrier and have found the purchase most worthwhile. As the only pre-hospital clinical nursing trauma unit in the UK designed for equestrian event competitors, it was essential that we obtain the most effective device for moving critically ill patients.

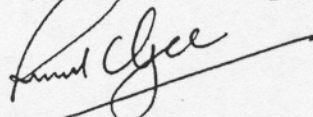
Our experience of transfer devices fall into two categories:-

- 1.To scoop the patient off the ground. This is normally a metal device that is liable to pinch the patient and is uncomfortable to lie on.
- 2.To then transfer the patient to a flat back-board which is equally uncomfortable, and does not conform to the body contours.

This double movement of patient with neck, back or spinal injuries is most unwise, and it is my considered opinion that the patient should be transferred to the Accident Unit with the minimum of movement to effect transfer. Our handling of patients while in an inaccessible part of a cross-country course, has been helped considerably by the purchase of the CombiCarrier. To date, staff have found it very user-friendly and no patient has found it uncomfortable. It has in our opinion enabled us to maintain the highest standard of clinical care when moving patients with cervical or back injuries. We cover an area from Avon to Suffolk and a number of Ambulance Service Staff at field level have expressed, considerable interest in the CombiCarrier.

On behalf of the Immediate Care Unit may I thank you for having the foresight to import the CombiCarrier which has been of considerable benefit both to our patients and the trauma team.

Yours faithfully,



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