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Dear Mr. Williams:

I want to thank you for developing the EVAC-U-SPLINT. We began using your extremity splints and full body splint nearly one year ago. Your product has enabled our ambulance to quickly immobilize fractures that once consumed excessive amounts of time and tedious adaption of performed splints.

We have found your extremity splints to be the best way to immobilize an angulated fracture. Before your splints we were forced to attempt to straighten angulations, if unsuccessful, we then attempted to bend ladder splints into unnatural shapes. Now we slide your splint under the fractured limb, secure it in place with the velcro straps, and evacuate the air. It seems almost unbelievable that without thought or effort we can create a splint that completely conforms to the shape of the fractured limb.

We also have found that your full body aplit is effective in conjunction with or in leiu of a full back board. As all prehospital workers know backboards and rough roads don't allow patients to experience a comfortable transport. The full body EVAC-U-SPLINT not only immobilizes, but cushions a patient while conforming to the contours of the body. It is the first true improvement in spinal immobilization.

The full body splint is also the first device to adequately immobilize a patient with a fractured pelvis. It forms around the patient, eliminating lateral movement. It greatly reduces the patient's discomfort when moving and transporting. Before your splint, our only alternatives were to apply the MAST trousers or simply transport the patient surrounded by pillows and blanket rolls. Your device truly replaces the inadequacies of the past.

One last and unlooked for bonus is found in the adaption of the full leg splint. We have used it as a pediatric immobilization device. When used in combination with a short back board it provides unequaled full body immobilization to pediatric patients.

I have nothing but praise for the EVAC-U-SPLINTS. They have given me the unique opportunity to quickly and efficiently immobilize fractures. No other device allows me to use one splint whether the fracture be in line or angulated.

Jim Wells, EMT-P