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Re : Combi Carrier

Dear Steve,

The Paramedic service currently testing one of our demo CombiCarriers is located about 100 km from Geneva. The very first road accident on which they used it was a motorbike vs car . The two bike riders (one male and one female) were badly injured, the female patient complaining of a pelvic fracture. The 2 medics, not able to call in for support, were each obliged to assist one patient. The medic who took care of the female patient then used the CombiCarrier with the help of the public. He reported to us that even with unexperienced people he was able to install the patient onto the CombiCarrier with ease and very little added pain and discomfort for the patient. He admitted that it would not have been the case with another piece of equipment. The patient was then comfortably transported to the hospital.

Being myself an EMT trained in the USA, I spend some training and observation time with this same unit. Just recently, we were called upon a female patient complaining of femoral pain (not fractured). As she was sitting, she agreed to stand up with our help and we used the standing technique to apply the CombiCarrier to her and bring her in a supine position where we fully immobilized with a spider strap. Though she complained of the hardness of the CombiCarrier (which is usually what we hear because they're not lying on a smooth bed or a cot), when we installed her on the hospital bed, the removal of the CombiCarrier went very smoothly (using it crablike to remove it) in comparison with what it could have been with another piece of equipment !

Best regards,

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