

TRANSLATION OF DANISH TESTIMONIAL

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Our experiences using the Sleep Tight hammock bed from H.C. Equipment

The bed has been tested and purchased for a resident suffering from Huntingtons Chorea. She experiences many involuntary movements and is often disturbed all through the night. Before testing the bed, she had many bruises and sores on feet and legs although she used an upholstered bed.

We tested the hammock bed and soon achieved a result. The first time she was put into the bed, she calmed down immediately. We observed day and night, and noticed that the movements were significantly reduced. The first days she needed to get accustomed to the bed, and she was sometimes awake during the night. But after approx. 14 days the night staff reported that she slept quite calmly and the day staff reported that she seemed to have more energy.

The resident was openly pleased with the bed. On days when she was more restless than usual we began to put her in the hammock with a ball blanket for short periods and in this way calm her down. Soon she asked us to help her into the hammock if she was feeling bad. In this way the hammock bed became a tool which we sometimes could apply instead of e.g. p.n. medicine.

In the process we have worked closely with H.C. Equipment in making some adjustments which have made the bed even more suitable for the resident.

The hammock bed has been really good for our resident suffering from Huntingtons Chorea, but it has been heavy to operate for the staff, as the bars must be turned and lifted manually. This has sometimes been a problem. In order to ensure that the bed was used correctly it has required thorough instruction of the personnel, especially with regard to reducing lifting and informing of the purpose of the bed. Our request for future development would include automated turning of the bars to ease the handling.

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