

INDUSTRY LEADER JOINS GROUP TO PLEDGE INTEROPERABILITY

MatrixCare, a LTPAC technology provider, has joined the leading health information technology companies and national health systems to make electronic health records work better for residents and providers. The pledge focuses on consumer access, transparency/no blocking, and standards with the goal of making accurate and timely health information available to residents, families, and care team members.

MATRIXCARE CONNECTIONS is an innovative program that formally certifies the interoperability between MatrixCare and third-party systems and service organizations that support LTPAC providers. It ensures that providers are prepared for the increased data exchange demands. It facilitates both direct-to-acute and intermediated connections.

"The MatrixCare Connections program and CareCommunity tool facilitate interoperability and effective care coordination to reduce the cost of health care and, more importantly, improve the quality of life for seniors," says John Damgaard, MatrixCare president and chief executive officer.

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NEW SYSTEM PROVIDES OPTIMAL CRUSHING POWER OF TABLET MEDICATIONS

Links Medical Products (LMP) has introduced its latest crushing system for solid tablet-form medications. Advanced engineering and design components were applied to the original basic operating and crushing features.

THE NEW SILENT KNIGHT offers nursing centers, hospitals, and other care providers a device specifically made to more easily crush pills into powder form using LMP's patented, tear-resistant pill crusher pouch.



The patented dual-action "crushing and grinding" movements of the new Silent Knight are designed to provide quiet, effortless, and effective crushing of pills to fine powder.

The crushing of pills is a common practice in instances where patients are unable to swallow tablet-form medications. The Silent Knight is the most widely used commercial pill-crushing system specifically designed for this..

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NEW TECHNOLOGY PREVENTS, HEALS PRESSURE ULCERS

Pressure ulcers continue to be a problem for patients around the nation who are bed-bound. Pressure ulcers are one of the five most common harms experienced by patients, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Those who acquire pressure ulcers face an average increase of five extra days in the hospital, and 22 percent are readmitted within 30 days of discharge.

Minnesota-based Tamarack Habilitation Technologies has created **GLIDEWEAR** to revolutionize the way pressure ulcers are treated and prevented, by dramatically reducing the friction and shear forces that contribute to these dangerous tissue injuries. Tamarack collaborated with elder-care provider Augustana Care to improve the quality of life for older adults and those with disabilities. The first phase of the collaboration showed ulcers improved for 90 percent of the 89 patients.

Unlike other dual-layer products, GlideWear strategically applies low-friction fabric technology only in at-risk areas or where skin breakdown has previously occurred.

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PROTECTIVE SPLASH GUARD FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH CARE STAFF

Supporting sanitary waste disposal in all health care facilities and laboratories, **THE SHIELD PROTECTIVE SPLASH GUARD** from Apollo Corp. protects staff from splashes and spray when emptying and flushing waste into hopper sinks. It provides clear visibility and full-frontal protection for an added measure of safety to complement a facility's infection control protocol.

This cost-effective option cuts down on waste hauling, incineration, and laundry by decreasing the potential for cross-contamination.

Made of a durable, clear, medical-grade copolymer, The Shield is flexible yet durable. Lightweight and easy to use, it clamps onto and remains affixed to the rim of any hopper sink without tools, making it easy to clean and disinfect after each use.

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