



Innovative Medical Products Introduces Phase 4 Gel™ Forearm Traction Splint with Unique Benefits for Shoulder or Elbow Arthroscopy

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PLAINVILLE, Conn., (September 23, 2009) – [Innovative Medical Products](#), an industry leader in patient positioning devices and pressure ulcer prevention pads, has introduced the [Phase 4 Gel™ Splint](#), a unique forearm traction splint for shoulder or elbow arthroscopy. The [Phase 4 Gel™ Splint](#) protects against skin breakdown, allows greater flexibility in forearm and shoulder rotation and adds stability and anatomical uniformity to patient positioning.

With softer, more supple material, the surface of the [Phase 4 Gel™ Splint](#) actually flows with the patient's tissue to minimize skin shear forces like no other traction splint currently available. The special Phase 4 Gel™ also holds the patient's arm by adhesion rather than compression, distributing pressure more evenly over the entire contact surface.

The new universal splint is designed with three holes that allow for three different hook placements to better control internal or external rotation of the forearm and shoulder, providing greater flexibility than single hook placement devices. In addition, the [Phase 4 Gel™ Splint](#) is constructed with a pre-formed plastic backbone that gives conformity to the forearm/wrist anatomic angle. This unique feature allows a more stable and uniform distribution of pressure, helping to prevent pressure occurring at only certain points on the patient rather than being dispersed throughout the entire arm, wrist, hand and fingers area.

Because of its more streamlined profile, the [Phase 4 Gel™ Splint](#) enables the surgeon to have easier and better access to the shoulder area than other devices. This reduced profile can also permit access to the elbow area so that arthroscopic elbow surgery can be performed using the same product offering. Finally, the unique, non-sterile splint is designed for single-use only, avoiding the potential for cross-contamination.

About [Innovative Medical Products](#)

Established in 1983, [Innovative Medical Products](#) is focused on developing innovative products to benefit and improve efficiency in the operating room and hospital clinics where patient stability and positioning are required. Its products are designed to provide accuracy for the surgeon, save time for operating room personnel, and benefit the overall patient surgical experience. For more information, call: 800-467-4944; or visit:

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