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Parafriicta announce expansion of low-friction garments range for prevention of pressure sores

Parafriicta are delighted to announce they have added two more products to their range – The Parafriicta™ Bootee and The Parafriicta™ Undergarment. This is in addition to the Parafriicta™ Pillowcase.

The Parafriicta™ range is designed to prevent friction and shear forces on the skin and therefore help to prevent the potential development of pressure ulcers (bed sores) in bed-ridden patients or patients with compromised skin.

George Sampson, APA Parafriicta chief executive officer, said: “Parafriicta™ Fabric is unique in that its friction coefficient is like ice. The fabric does not jerk or snatch when one surface, such as skin, begins to move against another (a process called ‘stiction’), which is often the cause of problems for those suffering with serious skin conditions and the cause of bedsores suffered by the long-term bed-ridden.”

APA Parafriicta is developing a range of garments that can be used by sufferers that include pillowcases, fitted bed-sheets, booties and under-garments.

Sampson adds: “Bed sores cost the NHS more than £1 billion each year extending a patient’s hospital stay by anything up to 25 weeks, and impacting quality of life for patients at home. The Parafriicta™ Fabric garments help bedsores heal much quicker by protecting the wound dressings in place from being dislodged and provide much greater levels of comfort for those suffering. If the garments are used in at-risk patients to help avoid potential pressure sores, we believe Parafriicta Fabric will save the NHS many millions of pounds”.

Details on Parafriicta™ Fabric garments are available at www.parafriicta.com

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