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Dear Susanne,

Kernan Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation is the largest inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation facility in the state of Maryland. As a specialist in multiple sclerosis, I first became acquainted with the MOTomed in the exhibit hall at a clinical meeting several years ago. I was impressed with the smooth engineering and the spasm control feature, and convinced two non-profit groups to contribute toward the purchase of the VIVA-2 for our Multiple Sclerosis Day Program. It was *very* well received by each of the 4 groups that attend one day per week, as it was a device that could be used by everyone – ambulatory or non-ambulatory – for both upper and lower extremity exercise.

As a result of that experience, we budgeted to get the same MOTomed for our outpatient neuro-rehabilitation department, and it has again been a positive experience. We now regularly use the device for patients with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, chronic pain, and those recovering from stroke and traumatic brain injury. In all diagnostic categories, it has been a very useful and effective adjunct to traditional therapeutic techniques in many ways.

For patients with spasticity, the MOTomed effectively decreases abnormal tone and improves circulation and range of motion. The symmetry screen results in increased use of the affected limb in stroke, MS, chronic pain and orthopaedic patients and carries over to more equal weight bearing during standing, transfers and gait. This feature also lets patients see that they can put some weight on a painful limb and helps them return to weight-bearing after injury. Another popular feature is the adjustability of the unit for patients of all sizes – and the ability to use it with the patient in a manual wheelchair, power wheelchair, scooter, or regular chair.

We heartily recommend this wonderful product for appropriate patients, and would love to have another in our unit, since sometimes patients have to "wait in line" in their desire to use it before returning home!

Sincerely,

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