RCare Announces Integration with upBed, Maker of Wearable Bed Exit Solution For Fall Prevention

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RCare, Inc., maker of wireless nurse call and monitoring solutions, has announced a strategic partnership with upBed, maker of a wearable bed exit solution for fall prevention. Based in Portland, Maine, upBed's solution is worn by the resident. It detects and predicts when a resident is about to get out of bed. RCare's nurse call system listens to upBed and sends a discreet alert to caregivers, who can assist in safely getting the resident out of bed.

"By providing advance notice that the resident is waking up, and instantly and silently notifying staff through RCare, upBed helps reduce falls among even the highest fall risk residents," says upBed founder Aron Semle.

The upBed device is a comfortable, satin band that is worn on the resident's ankle while they sleep. It is lightweight and discreet. The upBed device detects when the resident is about to wake up, and sends a notification through the nurse call system, summoning help to the resident's bedside. The silent alert does not disturb the resident, and meets all CMS guidelines.

"Interoperability has always been a cornerstone for RCare's wireless nurse call and monitoring offerings," says RCare CEO, Myron Kowal. "It made perfect sense to integrate upBed into the RCare ecosystem. It truly solves the critical and recurring problem of falls for our senior housing customers."

Lakewood of Northern Light Health, a 105-bed continuing care center in Waterville, Maine, is an early adopter of the integrated RCare upBed solution as part of its fall prevention initiative. The community has been using the two systems in tandem for the past four months. When the upBed device detects a bed exit, it alerts designated staff through the RCare system. This alert–which is silent to the resident–is sent to caregiver pagers, the nurse's station, and activates the dome light above the room door, ensuring that help will arrive when needed.

Chris Miller, Staff Development Coordinator at Lakewood is happy with the integration, which he describes as very effective. "The speed of transmissions between the upBed system and the pager system is really quick, so it enables us to get to our residents fast enough to prevent the falls. It's impossible to say exactly how many falls it's prevented, but I will say that it's been very, very good."

The RCare and upBed integration will help senior care communities respond faster and help reduce falls, a high priority for Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement programs. RCare plans to release the upBed integration solution by the end of this summer. For more information, visit rcareinc.com and upbed.co

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ABOUT RCare
RCare is a global provider of wireless nurse call and personal emergency response systems for the entire spectrum of eldercare and senior living. Our components integrate into a variety of healthcare communication systems to create efficient and verifiable responses to medical emergencies. RCare works together with distribution partners to build individualized, flexible and seamless systems to enhance both caregiving and resident quality of life. Contact info@rcareinc.com or call 585-671-4144.

ABOUT upBed
upBed is the maker of wearable bed exit solution for fall prevention. upBed detects and predicts when a resident is about to get out of bed, alerting staff so they can assist the resident to get out of bed safely. upBed helps reduce falls among even the highest fall risk residents. Contact info@upbed.co or call 617-682-9512.