Innovative New Cane May Prevent Tripping Injuries to the Elderly

Compelling new evidence suggests that mobility aids are tripping hazards landing 47 thousand elderly Americans in the hospital with serious injuries every year. The new StrongArm Forearm Cane, an innovative new ambulatory aid, looks like a cane but provides the stability of a forearm crutch without the tripping hazards associated with walkers and quad-canes.

Evanston, IL (PRWEB) January 25, 2010 -- An estimated 47,000 cane and walker related injuries with older adults are treated annually in U.S. hospitals, according to a recent study in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. A conclusion of this sweeping study suggested, “…more research is needed to improve the design of walking aids.” In light of this new information, medical professionals and disabled individuals everywhere have been re-evaluating the safety and appropriateness of their mobility aid devices.

The new StrongArm Forearm Cane may be the ideal solution to the researchers’ call to action. This “Newfangled Cane Design”, as described in the most recent January/February issue of Arthritis Today, offers a more stable alternative to cane and walker users by transferring the weight bearing on the user’s wrist to their forearm; a feature that allows amputees or post-op patients greater strength when walking than traditional canes and crutches. Users concerned with balance, such as those suffering from Parkinson’s disease or recovering from a stroke, find that the hexagon shaped tip of this hybrid cane-cutch gives them the stability of a quad cane without the same risk of tripping or falling.

The StrongArm Forearm Cane meets the needs of a mobility aid industry, which has previously lacked a safe ambulatory aid option to the simple cane, crutch or walker. Medical professionals and patients agree that the StrongArm Forearm Cane offers vital improvements in stability over traditional canes and forearm crutches by combining the elegance and simplicity of an off-set cane with the support and stability of a forearm crutch.

For more about the study, “Unintentional Fall Injuries Associated with Walkers and Canes in Older Adults Treated in U.S. Emergency Departments”, visit http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122465099/abstract.

About StrongArm Mobility:

StrongArm Mobility, a rapidly growing start-up company, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for mobility challenged people through innovative new ambulatory aid designs. Their initial product, the StrongArm Forearm Cane, was launched in the first quarter of 2009. Since then, the demand for this product has exploded due to its wide popularity with patients and physical therapists.

For more information about the StrongArm Forearm Cane please visit http://www.StrongArmMobility.com, or call us at 888-482-1569. To keep tabs on the mobility aid industry, join us on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/strongarmmobility or follow us on Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/strongarmcane.

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