

Patient Finds Long-Term Relief with Rotate™ Support Surface

It's possible no one has spent more time on a rotational support surface than Stephen. Diagnosed with MS and bedbound since 1997, his life revolves around his Sizewise Rotate™ low air loss support surface.

Rotate provides full-body continuous lateral rotation therapy (CLRT) for immobile patients, along with a pulsation mode for pressure injury (PI) treatment and prevention.

Rotate kept Stephen comfortable 24/7 for 20 years before needing to be replaced. The control unit's marathon run—18 years beyond its warranty—impressed even the people who built it.

"With regular maintenance, our blowers have been known to last 10 years or more. I think 20 years may be a record," said Eric Boss, manager of Sizewise Manufacturing.

Without Rotate, Stephen soon developed a PI and ended up in the hospital. His wife, Laurie, wanted him back home ASAP.

"It's scary for him to be in the hospital," said Laurie. "If he gets any sort of respiratory infection... well, it can be bad."

Before being discharged, Stephen needed a new support surface. His insurance insisted on an economy air mattress. That's when his health issues took a turn for the worse: discomfort, interrupted sleep, and additional Pls.

"I could tell, just seeing the new mattress, that it wouldn't be right," said Laurie. "It was based solely on weight and that's the extent I could manipulate it. Plus, it cycled with a loud noise, which kept Stephen from getting decent sleep."

Laurie knew the exact make and model of their previous Rotate surface, and a friend in DME connected her with Sizewise—and a new Rotate. Stephen's PIs cleared up within two months.

"[Rotate] is so much better. On days when I don't have help, I can easily turn him. Plus, the fabric is more breathable. I can put my hand under his back and it won't be hot at all."

According to Laurie, Stephen now sleeps better. And when he's awake, he can sit up more easily. "I am his primary caregiver, and I'm the best thing he has—aside from that mattress!"

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