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# Press Release

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## **Nuprodx, Inc. Introduces a Portable Tub Transfer Bench to Address the Needs of Travelers with Physical Disabilities and Seniors**

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Nuprodx, Inc. introduces the multiCHAIR 5100tx, a tub transfer bench that allows people with disabilities and seniors to safely shower while at home or on the road. The bench was designed and tested by Bruce Hammer, the company founder, president and 26 year full-time wheelchair user.

Tub transfer benches are a critical piece of equipment that allows a person with a disability or a senior to transfer from a wheelchair onto a sliding seat outside a bathtub and then slide across into the tub to take a shower. This step eliminates the dangerous activity of a caregiver trying to lift the person up and across the tub wall and into a shower seat.

There are many companies that make shower benches, but most are big, bulky and impossible to pack for travel. Further, hotels typically comply with the minimum ADA requirements, thus generally do not provide adequate solutions for their guests with disabilities and many seniors. In fact, hotels with less than 75 rooms are not required to have any rooms with roll-in showers and typically provide a simple shower chair that sits in the middle of the tub in their handicap accessible rooms. Therefore, Nuprodx has addressed this challenge with the multiCHAIR 5100tx which is durable enough for everyday use while at the same time easily disassembles. The chair fits into an 18" x 18" x 6" carrying case and weighs about 20lbs, which makes it very convenient for a person with a disability or a senior to take along with them on their travels.

Another issue that is not adequately addressed by most bath bench providers is the posterior muscle atrophy that occurs with people who are wheelchair users. Most of the tub transfer benches on the market are made out of injected molded plastic that is not only uncomfortable for a full-time wheelchair user but can often lead to skin breaking down and pressure sores where the sharp ischial bones press through the skin against the hard plastic seat. This is not only extremely painful but very expensive to cure, a minimum of \$40K. Bruce Hammer put a lot of thought into the seat cushion design and developed one that is made out of soft self-skinning urethane that is 2" thick and has an added foam ring on the inner commode opening. Nuprodx has been using this new style cushion on its other commode and shower chairs for about 6 months and customer feedback has been extremely positive.

Additionally, the multiCHAIR 5100tx has a 300 pound weight capacity, a patent-pending folding frame and a smooth rolling slider seat frame with wheels that roll along V-groove self-aligning tracks. The multiCHAIR 5100tx tub transfer bench is a must have for the quality conscience full-time wheelchair user who needs a comfortable seat cushion for showering and toileting activities while at home or on the road. For more information on the 5100tx and other Nuprodx products visit [www.nuprodx.com](http://www.nuprodx.com) or call (888) 288-5653.

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**multiCHAIR 5100tx with carrying case**

- Nuprodx, Inc. is a California based C-corporation founded in 1998 by Bruce Hammer. Bruce was formerly the number 2 ranked motorcycle racer in the US in 1981. Unfortunately, while competing in a AMA National Championship road race in 1982, Bruce crashed and suffered life threatening injuries, including C6/C7 quadriplegia.
- The company has the following mission statement, “Nuprodx is committed to developing innovative products to improve the lives of millions of people with disabilities and seniors world-wide.”
- Nuprodx has a complete line of products from a simple tub and toilet chair up to a slider system that eliminates all bathroom transfers.
- All chairs are constructed of materials that won't rust or corrode: aircraft grade aluminum, brass, stainless steel and plastic. Equally important is that all products have been weight tested by Gaynes Labs, Inc. (a national testing laboratory)

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