

Thank you for ordering the Vidatak EZ Board. The Vidatak EZ Board was designed by mechanically ventilated patients in a clinical research study at UCLA Medical Center. It is beneficial to any patient who has lost the ability to speak and cannot write legibly. Both the content and the practice of providing your patients the EZ Board is founded in **evidence-based medicine**.

The EZ Board formalizes the process of engaging non verbal or non English speaking patients. In this manner, the EZ Board provides the perfect opportunity to improve overall performance of the organization by improving patient care delivery models that improve patient satisfaction.

FOR OPTIMAL USE, PLEASE:

- 1) Orient your patient to the content on this board.
- 2) Add words or names of family members in the memo space as needed.
- 3) Provide this board as part of preoperative teaching as it will improve their ability to navigate the board and use it more effectively.
- 4) **KEEP THIS BOARD WITH THE PATIENT AT ALL TIMES!**
We provide a bedside rail holder for this exact purpose.
- 5) **DO NOT RE-USE THIS PRODUCT BETWEEN PATIENTS!**
Patients often request to take keep their EZ Board when transferred to other units or discharged home. For this reason and for infection control purposes this product was designed for single patient use only.

This board is equipped with a dry-erase marker for the patient to mark words or phrases. The patient may also wish to simply point.

We DO NOT suggest relying on head gestures or lip reading as

research has clearly pointed out that THESE METHODS CAN BE INEFFECTIVE and prone to misunderstanding, can increase the patient's level of frustration and are exhausting to the patient. The Vidatak EZ Board should be supplied to patients in the following healthcare areas:

- Preoperative Rooms (preoperative teaching and for Time-Out Assessment prior to surgery with intubated patients)
- Recovery Rooms/Postoperative Care
- Intensive Care Units (CCU, MICU, SICU)
- Step Down Units
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Head and Neck Surgery
- Outpatient Surgery
- Rehabilitation Units
- Speech Pathology Departments

When used with proactive nursing care that prioritizes the patient's ability to actively participate and communicate effectively, the EZ Board can provide outstanding results:

1. Decrease level of frustration
2. Improve pain management
3. Reduce sedation requirements
4. Improve staffing efficacy (FTE's)
5. Increase patient participation and satisfaction with healthcare
6. Expedite extubation and decrease length of ICU and hospital stay

If implemented hospital-wide, these benefits not only improve quality of care but can easily reduce hospital costs.

For a cost benefit analysis, consultation services or more information regarding implementing the EZ Board at your hospital, please visit us at **www.vidatak.com**