

The Hydrant - testimonials

“Simply brilliant and brilliantly simple. The Hydrant should be on every hospital and care home bed in the country – it enables people to drink easily and without assistance at any time of the day. I have no doubt that it will make a major contribution to the reduction in dehydration related problems in the healthcare arena”

Sir Ranulph Fiennes BT OBE, Patron of Hydrate for Health Ltd

“I've been in trauma nursing for 20 years and this is one of the best ideas I've ever seen”

**Squadron Leader Ian Slaughter, Officer Commanding - Nursing,
Headley Court, The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre**

“Dear Mark, I am a 56 year-old paraplegic T4 complete, and have been for the past 12 years. During the night, I need to drink water frequently and thanks to The Hydrant,

there is no more knocking glasses over, fumbling for bottles , or the bed remote to sit myself up , tipping water down my neck, waking me and unable to get back sleep. Now I am almost drinking in my sleep what a great relief.

I will place an order for another to use when driving my car, great product.”

Regards Julian Stalley

“My 18 year old daughter has Cerebral Palsy and uses an electric wheelchair - she has always been a bit of a nightmare when it comes to drinking enough fluids and is also very dependant on others to fetch her a drink if she wants one. The Hydrant has been brilliant over the past few weeks, not least because I can keep tabs on exactly how much she has had just by glancing at the back of her wheelchair.

She is much more independent as she does not have to ask others if she wants a drink, can drink exactly when she wants as it is always accessible, and it seems to be somewhat of a challenge to her to empty The Hydrant bottle every day!!

As an ex nurse, I think these would be a godsend in hospitals where too many patients are left to dehydrate because staff do not have the time to pour patients water out or sit people up to drink. For those like my daughter, who are disabled it gives back some degree of independence and ensures there is no excuse (bar someone not filling it up of course) for anyone to become dehydrated. Thanks, and well done for such a simple, but effective product.”

Karen McIlravia

“Hi Mark, I am so pleased with the Hydrant as I suffer with severe M.E and find to keep lifting a jug and pouring water doesn't sound like a lot but when you can hardly lift your arm up it saves a great deal of energy and my hands and arms

are constantly in pain so to just have to move the tube over to your mouth is so much easier than lifting cups and refilling them. Also my saliva glands have stopped working so I constantly want drinks + I can fit it to my wheelchair too!! Thank you so much”

Mattie Lowther

“Hi Mark, My husband who has MS and is very severely disabled thinks the Hydrant is the greatest invention ever! I have to help him with it but it saves me getting up several times in the night to give him a drink as all the medication makes him so thirsty. We also have a lot of carers and community nurses in and out and they also have shown an interest.”

Regards Ina Munro

“Dear Mark

Good comments for you please use them as you wish and you can use my name I am happy for you to.

Firstly since I bought this from you at Naidex I have not once had to resort to antibiotics because of water infections. These were something I was getting on a regular basis about every 3 weeks.

I can hook the bottle up to the chest of draws at night and this means I can get a drink myself without having to get the carer to get one for me so they get a good nights sleep even if I don't.

When I am travelling in my van I can drink anytime I want without having to get the carer to stop, come through to the back and organise my drink. When you are doing a 5 hour journey this is a real boon. The extra water in this situation has meant I don't arrive at journeys end with a headache, or a cross driver because he had to stop several times.

Thank you so much for my much improved quality of life.”

Tom Wallace

“Hi Mark

I received the Hydrant yesterday and put it to use straight away, I am very impressed, and it does everything the website promises.

I am wheelchair dependent following a road accident in 2002, in which I sustained a spinal cord injury, the outcome of this leaves me a tetraplegic, which means that I have paralysis of my entire body from the chest down, I have limited movement of my arms but cannot pick any thing up, therefore the Hydrant is ideal for my use, I can lift my hand to my face with the tube attached to my clothing and drink from the tube.

Once again congratulations on a first class product.”

Regards, Ian Spalding

“I am now recovering at home following a successful first phase of surgery on my back. The Hydrant seems to me to be a simple and innovative answer to a difficult, and in some cases life-threatening, problem in health care and I applaud

you in finding such a simple solution. I hope you are having a good response from the NHS. In the last couple of years, I have spent quite a lot of time in hospital and I can say that there is a great need for solutions in patient care like this to offset nursing shortages, and to help when things get very busy. Best of luck in your endeavours in the future. I'll spread the word where I can."

C M Singleton, Wing Commander RAF, hospital patient

"FANTASTIC! - I currently have one patient using it and she is addicted & won't let it go!! Being that she is young it has already given her some independence which is just what I hoped for (and you!) I will be ordering more and the tubes - I am also feeding this back at the next senior sisters meeting so look out for more orders as I feel this could be circulated to the elderly as well as the infirm."

Natalie Crane, Ward Manager, Paglesham Ward, Southend University Hospital

"Hello Mark, just a few lines you thank you for The Hydrant that you passed on to me at this years' Care Show in Bournemouth in April.

A resident, who is solely dependent on us for almost everything, was delighted to receive it. It created independence as she had a constant source of water on tap wherever she went day and night. We have now placed an order for more so that more of our residents can also benefit. Thank you for this simple but fantastic idea. We will always have The Hydrant drinking system in our home."

Sue Howick, Manager, Winton House

"Hi mark - I've got on so well The Hydrant, I had a neurological hospital bed fitted into my home as sometimes I'm bed bound by my condition, its nice for my family to not worry if I have access to fluids and its great to not have to get up all the time

Now purchased a 2nd one as I'm now heading to a wheelchair near enough full time so will be adding this onto the chair for when I'm out and about. Certainly comes highly recommended by me"

Catherine Hedger

"Hi Mark, just to confirm that The Hydrant has been very successful with one of our residents that ordinarily had 3-4 beakers on her bedside table. The good thing with the system is that this lady can now be more independent with her fluid intake as she does not have to wait or rely on staff being available to replenish her beakers. Thanks again"

Cathy Doswell, Littleport Grange Nursing Home