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## **Patient Comfort Key to Successful Imaging Exams**

### **New Company Creates Better MRI Pads**

What does it take for medical science to get a clearer picture of disease? Sometimes, just a comfortable place to lie down.

According to a study presented at the recent annual meeting of the Radiological Association of America (RSNA), comfortable magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) table pads reduced patient movement during scans by 56 percent. Patient motion during these diagnostic procedures of up to two hours in length can interfere with the images produced and require that entire exams be repeated.

Experiencing this frustration first in his own practice, Peter Rothschild M.D., a world renowned radiologist and editor of the first Open MRI textbook, founded Patient Comfort Systems in Hayward, CA to provide a solution. Rothschild worked with Tempur-Pedic®, Inc. to develop ultra-comfortable table pads for MRI and related imaging equipment utilizing the same TEMPUR® material used in luxury bedding.

“Traditional pads generate regions of high pressure and shunt blood flow away from areas of the body, creating a sensation of discomfort,” explains Rothschild. “By contrast, new Patient Comfort Systems’ pads conform to the body and deliver a more comfortable exam, typically resulting in a significant decrease in patient movement, thus, arguably, reducing the necessity for repeat procedures.” The recent RSNA study offered proof. “These pads are so comfortable,” he notes, “many patients just fall asleep.” That makes exams go faster and produce better results.

Additionally, original equipment manufacturer pads will wear out and tear. Tears are a serious issue, making pads impossible to thoroughly clean, thereby presenting a sanitary risk to the patient and technologists. The cover fabrics used for Patient Comfort Systems’ pads have sewn and welded seams that insure the core is protected from fluids. The fabric will neither absorb nor allow fluids to pass through it. The TEMPUR core and cover fabric are also manufactured using a permanent anti-microbial agent to preclude growth of harmful bacteria. The vapor-permeable, moisture impervious cover can be cleaned with any standard approved hospital disinfectant. “Hospital acquired infection poses a greater risk than ever before for patients and personnel. Putting a clean sheet over contaminated table pads will not protect our patients. We

all must do more to assure our patients and staff of a safe and clean environment” Dr. Rothschild explains.

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