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Head raise	<p>BED MOBILITY:</p> <p>Raising the head of the bed provides a more upright position, which can assist users in getting in and out of bed. This is particularly valuable for individuals with mobility limitations, as it reduces the effort required to transition to and from a seated position.</p> <p>COMFORT:</p> <p>The ability to raise the head of the bed allows users to find a comfortable and ergonomically supportive position. This is especially important for those who require specific head or upper body elevation for medical reasons, such as alleviating respiratory issues, reducing acid reflux, or managing certain medical conditions like sleep apnoea. Adjusting the head of the bed can alleviate discomfort associated with conditions like snoring, congestion, or postoperative recovery. It helps users find a position that minimizes pressure on the head and upper body.</p> <p>TRANSFERS:</p> <p>Raising the head of the bed can aid caregivers in assisting users with transfers. By elevating the user's upper body, it provides better access and positioning for safe and efficient transfers, reducing the risk of strain or injury for both users and caregivers. Additionally, users with reduced strength who can adjust the head of the bed independently can leverage it to facilitate their own transfers to a seated or standing position, promoting self-care and independence.</p>
Knee Break Profiling / Manual Leg Raise Function	<p>The knee break assists with pressure management and bed positioning as it prevents the user from slipping down the bed and reducing the risk of shear and friction, which can contribute to pressure sores. Elevating the legs also assist in redistributing pressure e.g., the weight of the legs is shifted away from the heels and sacral area (lower back).</p> <p>It also enhances the user's comfort when the knee break is used in conjunction with the backrest as it prevents the user from slipping down the bed as the backrest is raised. This keeps the pelvis in a secure, stable, and comfortable position during the transition from a supine to a sitting position. This is especially useful for users with reduced muscle strength and stability who may have difficulty repositioning themselves. Lifting the knees also provides a comfortable natural sitting position for users instead of having their legs left flat.</p> <p>Improves the user's mobility and independence as it allows the user to remain in a partially upright seated position and thereby facilitates engagement in various everyday activities such as reading, eating and socializing.</p> <p>Elevating the legs also helps to reduce fluid build-up (oedema) in the user's legs and ankles. This is particularly important for users with heart conditions, kidney problems or other conditions that may lead to fluid retention. The knee break promotes better fluid drainage and thereby alleviates discomfort and reduce the risk of complications.</p>
Trendelenburg/reverse	<p>TRENDELENBURG POSITION:</p> <p>Tilting the foot end higher than the head end can assist in positioning the user, especially when combined with other profiling functions. It helps reduce the risk of the user sliding down in the bed, enhancing stability and comfort during rest or other activities. The handset requires that users or carers push and hold 2 buttons at the same time which prevents this position from being accidentally activated as there are some contraindications to using this position for specific users.</p> <p>CONTRAINDICATIONS:</p> <p>The Trendelenburg position should not be used in patients with conditions such as increased intracranial pressure, cerebral oedema, increased intraocular pressure, ischemia of lower limbs, or difficulty with mechanical ventilation or decreased vital capacity. The Trendelenburg position should be avoided as a treatment for acute hypotension or shock. Evidence on its safety and effectiveness is limited, and it is not recommended for obese or traumatic patients, as it can potentially cause harm.</p>

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	<p>ANTI-TRENDELENBURG/REVERSE TRENDELENBURG POSITION:</p> <p>Tilting the head end higher than the foot end can be combined with other profiling functions to achieve an upright seated position in bed. This allows users to have greater comfort and independence in bed, supporting activities such as reading, eating, or socializing.</p>
<p>Preprogrammed Care Position (Semi Fowler / Zero G)</p>	<p>A care position is when the bed is positioned in a Trendelenburg configuration in conjunction with a raised head. This position facilitates caregivers in assisting users with personal care tasks. The Trendelenburg tilt allows easier access to the lower body, as the legs are already slightly elevated, making care tasks more manageable.</p> <p>In a zero-G or a semi-fowler position the user is partly reclined with the legs elevated (heels in line with heart) The Zero G refers to this position having less of a gravitational force acting on the body. By elevating the legs, the bed facilitates lymphatic circulation which promotes the movement of lymph fluid and prevents pooling of fluid in the lower limbs and thereby allowing better lymphatic drainage.</p> <p>Being in a semi-fowler position can also help redistribute pressure across the body as pressure is redistributed from the buttocks onto the back which is a larger surface area which reduces the risk of developing pressure ulcers.</p>
<p>Preprogrammed Comfort Position (Cardiac Chair)</p>	<p>The bed provides a 'comfort position,' where the user can assume a semi-seated position. This comfort position combines the reverse Trendelenburg configuration with a raised head. It allows users to assume a posture that is associated with comfort and relaxation. This seated position facilitates interaction with others and engagement in activities like watching TV.</p>
<p>Full nursing height</p>	<p>Bed can go to a height of 800mm which ensures caregiver have better access to the user to perform personal care tasks, such as bathing, dressing and changing. This height is also for the carer's safety as the elevated bed significantly reduces the need for carers to bend or stoop when assisting users with personal care tasks and transfers. The ergonomic advantage minimizes the physical strain on caregivers, decreasing the risk of musculoskeletal injuries and caregiver burden.</p>
<p>Home Button to automatically level bed</p>	<p>Enhanced convenience for both the users and carers. Users can effortlessly adjust the bed to a level and flat position without having to make several adjustments after a customised bed profile was done. This is particularly useful for users that require frequent changes in bed position and users with reduced cognition. This not only streamlines the process but also empowers users to empowers user to make the necessary adjustment to take control of their bed positioning independently.</p> <p>This also saves time for carers, allowing them to allocate more time and attention to other essential caregiving tasks.</p>
<p>Tandem castors with UniSafe™ braking system.</p>	<p>The bed effortlessly rolls with a single press of a pedal to secure each set of brakes, addressing a critical need for safety. According to research most falls occur around the bedside, making easy access to bed brakes crucial. Unbraked beds contribute significantly to patient falls.</p> <p>The Tandem castors, featuring the UniSafe™ braking system, play a pivotal role in fall prevention and risk reduction during bed transfers. This system offers a secure braking mechanism, enabling caregivers to engage all brakes simultaneously with ease, ensuring the bed remains stationary. This not only minimizes the risk of caregivers forgetting to apply brakes but also provides enhanced stability, greatly reducing the chance of unintended movement during transfers. Such features contribute to overall safety for both users and caregivers. The user-friendly design simplifies the process of securing all brakes, streamlining and enhancing the efficiency of the caregiving routine.</p>
<p>Lowers to 100 mm</p>	<p>With falls as the leading cause of death and serious injury in older people, our floor-level capability provides proven effectiveness in managing bed falls and preventing associated injuries. Height is a crucial factor in bed selection; the impact force of a fall from a bed at 100 mm is 50% lower than at 200 mm.</p>

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	<p>The lower height of the bed minimizes the strength and range of motion required for transfers in and out of bed, reducing the physical effort needed by users. This is achieved by decreasing the distance users have to lift their legs, making the transfer process more manageable. Once the user completes leg movements, the bed's height can be adjusted to facilitate a sit-to-stand transfer, eliminating the need for manual handling equipment. This adaptable feature empowers users, particularly those with limited mobility, to undertake transfers independently, enhancing their overall sense of control and autonomy.</p> <p>In specific cases, such as individuals with spinal cord injuries or amputees who rely on their upper limbs for transfers, a lower bed height of 100 mm becomes particularly valuable. For these users, a bed-to-floor transfer may be preferred, followed by a subsequent transfer into a wheelchair. The lower bed height facilitates these manoeuvres, providing a more accessible platform for users who, due to their unique physical circumstances, benefit from the convenience and adaptability of a bed that caters to their specific needs.</p>
Empresa's BodyMove™ technology	<p>The body naturally lengthens when moving from a supine to a sitting position in bed. Empresa's BodyMove™ auto-regression feature accommodates this change, so not only does it help with pressure distribution and reduction of shear for enhanced wound care support, but it also improves comfort too.</p> <p>Prolonged mechanical loading of soft tissues covering bony prominences, such as when an individual is in bed, may lead to the degeneration of skeletal muscle tissue. Pressure redistribution and repositioning of an individual is undertaken to reduce the duration and magnitude of pressure over vulnerable areas of the body.</p>
Full-Length Fabric Siderails	<p>The Empresa Bed Fabric Siderails are full-length and can be used to help create a safer environment for the bed user by reducing falls, assisting users with Dementia, improving bed edge awareness, and providing multiple grip points for repositioning and bed mobility. They have an easy lock and lower mechanism, which locks securely in position. Integrated padding acts as a bumper for added safety and protection/care. The side rails do not impede transfers, as they lower to below the height of the mattress.</p>
¾ LENGTH FOLDING SIDERAILS	<p>The folding side rails for the Empresa Bed are intended to help to create a safer environment for the bed user. They have an easy lock and lower mechanism, which locks securely in position. The side rails do not impede transfers, as they lower to below the height of the mattress.</p>
¾ Length Folding Siderails Bumpers	<p>Empresa Bed Folding Siderails Bumpers are intended to help protect the bed user from potentially injuring themselves, especially where they may be prone to uncontrolled and/or involuntary movements.</p>
Lifting Pole	<p>The Empresa Bed Lifting Pole is an invaluable aid for bed mobility, especially where a person wishes to sit themselves up or adjust their position. It has a wide base for stability and user safety. The lifting pole also attaches to the bed frame for added security and to ensure a clear floor space beneath the bed, enabling the easy use of other equipment when needed.</p>
Bed Lever	<p>The bed lever fixes securely to the Empresa Bed frame and is used to assist with bed mobility and stability during transfers to reduce falls risk. It enables the user's independence and reduces the need of carers for re-positioning/adjusting. The Handset can be attached to the bed lever for ease of accessibility. Users don't need to search for the device, promoting independence and efficient use. This setup is particularly beneficial for users with mobility challenges, as it minimizes the effort required to reach the controls.</p>
Lockout feature	<p>This prevents unauthorised and inadvertent use of the handset and can be particularly useful in providing users with a degree of control and independence but ensuring their safety if they have cognitive impairments or limited decision-making capacity.</p> <p>It can also contribute to fall prevention as it can ensure that the bed is maintained in a low and safe position for users that have mobility issues, neurological conditions or users who may be disoriented.</p> <p>In healthcare facilities there might be clinical protocols in place to guide the positioning and care of patients and the lockout feature can ensure that the bed adheres to those protocols and thereby provide consistent care practices and minimize the risk of positioning-related complications.</p>

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Auto safety-stop (200mm)	<p>Inhibits bed from being lowered below 200 mm, without caregiver action, which requires 2 buttons to be pressed at the same time.</p> <p>This minimum height ensures that the bed is low enough to mitigate the impact of a potential fall while still allowing users with the ability to perform a safe sit-to-stand transfer. This is particularly valuable for users with cognitive impairments, disorientation, or those who may resist assistance, as it promotes independent transfers while minimizing the risk of fall-related injuries by reducing the potential fall height.</p>
Bed mover	<p>This is an accessory that simplifies the transportation of the bed by placing it on structure with wheels and turning it on its side which enables it to be moved easily through doorways without the need for lifting and manually turning it. This practical tool can also be operated by a single person, making the movement of beds in care facilities convenient and safe.</p>
Expandable width and length	<p>Width and length extension kits are offered for customization. The bed's length can be expanded from 2000 mm (200 cm) to 2200 mm (220 cm), catering to taller users. Additionally, the bed width can be increased to 1050 mm (105 cm), benefiting bariatric individuals or those who prefer users more space for movement and comfort. Some users find the extra width offers a sense of safety, reducing the fear of falling out of bed, and improving their sleep quality and ease of independent repositioning.</p> <p>Compatible Mattress infill & mattress extension foam is available, which reduces the risk of entrapment when the bed width and/or length is extended.</p> <p>The bed's width and length extensions cater to the user's changing needs, ensuring long-term use. Paediatric users can continue to utilize the bed as they grow. This includes users that might gain or lose weight and might need to adjust the width of the bed as well. Important to note that the width expansion does not affect the Safe working load of the bed.</p>

NDIS SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

ANTICIPATED FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES	CLINICAL JUSTIFICATION
Facilitate social participation	<p>For individuals with limited mobility the comfort position/profile can help reduce feelings of isolation by allowing users to sit up comfortably in bed and enables social interaction by facilitating the user to interact at an eye contact level and engage in social activities such as reading, watching TV, eating, or conversing with visitors without having to leave the bed. A comfortable and well-adjusted bed can encourage users to invite friends and family into their room for socializing. The accessibility of the bed can make it easier for visitors, including those with mobility challenges, to interact with the user.</p>
Activity engagement	<p>Supports user, who must spend extended periods of time in bed, to engage in eating/drinking, recreation (watching TV, reading).</p>
Injury prevention	<p>Dynamic BodyMove™ auto-regression feature decreases risk of pressure injuries due to pressure distribution and reduction in shear.</p> <p>Ability to lower to 100 mm prevents risk of falls and associated injuries.</p> <p>Integrated padding acts as a bumper for added safety and protection/care. Prevents injuries from uncontrolled and/or involuntary movement e.g., Individuals with Huntington's, Parkinson's and Epilepsy/seizures.</p> <p>Compatible Mattress infill & mattress extension foam is available, which reduces the risk of entrapment when the bed width and/or length is extended.</p>
Capacity to remain in own home	<p>The bed's ability to decrease the risk of secondary complications, such as pressure injuries and falls, is instrumental in enabling users to continue living at home. By providing a safer and more supportive environment, the bed helps prevent these complications that might otherwise necessitate hospitalization or a move to a care facility.</p>

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	<p>The decreased need for manual handling due to the bed's features alleviates the burden on family caregivers. This, in turn, reduces the pressure on family members and caregivers, making it more feasible for the user to stay at home. The family's capacity to provide care is enhanced by the bed's assistive features.</p> <p>The bed's design promotes more comfortable transfers and personal care, thereby diminishing the need for users to transition to a care facility. Users can receive necessary support from family members and caregivers funded by programs like the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) while continuing to live in the comfort and familiarity of their own home.</p>
Promote independence	<p>ACCESSORIES:</p> <p>The bed is equipped with accessories such as the bed lever and lifting pole, which offer users the opportunity to be more independent with transfers. These tools can be especially empowering for users who may have reduced mobility or strength, allowing them to reposition themselves in bed to some degree and participate in transfers with less reliance on caregivers.</p> <p>HANDSET/HANDLE:</p> <p>The inclusion of a handset handle with the ability to clip the handset anywhere around the bed ensures that users can access the control device safely and independently. This feature makes it easy for them to adjust the bed's position without the need for external help, enhancing their overall independence.</p> <p>PREPROGRAMMED PROFILING OPTIONS:</p> <p>The inclusion of preprogrammed profiling options allows users to independently use the handset to adjust their bed positions. This means they can easily transition from lying flat to a more upright or reclined position without needing assistance. This level of control not only enhances their comfort but also fosters a sense of autonomy.</p> <p>LOCKOUT FEATURE FOR SAFETY:</p> <p>While promoting independence is crucial, the bed also incorporates a lockout feature to prevent inadvertent or unauthorized use of bed adjustments. This feature ensures that the bed's positioning remains safe and under user control, without the risk of unintended changes. It can also be under carer control and prevent the user from making unsafe adjustments to the bed if they have limited cognition.</p> <p>AUTO SAFETY-STOP:</p> <p>The safety stop at 200mm minimum height ensures that the bed remains at a safe level for users to independently perform sit-to-stand transfers, promoting greater autonomy in their movements.</p>
Compatible with other AT/supports	<p>OTHER AT:</p> <p>Full nursing height allows for clearance under the bed to be used with/compatible with hoists/ transfer aids as it allows for the positioning aid/device to be brought as close as possible to user to increase safety and ease of transfers.</p> <p>OTHER SUPPORTS:</p> <p>Can support with nursing care as the Trendelenburg function gives increased access to pelvic organs for insertion/removal of central venous catheters.</p>
Support Capacity building	<p>Simple one-touch operation handset with pre-programmed care and comfort positions as well as the UniSafe braking system with single press of a pedal decreases training needs for family and funded supports.</p>

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Reduced mobility and transfers	Supports safer and independent bed mobility, transfers, can assist with pain management, support back, hip, and knee joints
Pressure injury risk	Supports posture and provides pressure care management through BodyMove™ Technology, and when used in conjunction with a pressure care mattress. Enables independent positioning to reduce pressure points. The Care position allows for pressure redistribution from the buttocks to the back, which has a larger surface area. By spreading the pressure more evenly, the risk of developing pressure ulcers, especially in vulnerable areas like the buttocks, is significantly reduced.
Neuromuscular Conditions	The adjustability of the bed can support positioning for pressure redistribution, respiratory support, safer transfers, and comfort. Adjustable bed height assists with safer transfers where assistive technology is used e.g., creating a stable platform to enable bed to wheelchair transfer.
Respiratory or Cardiac Conditions	Supports sleeping, eating, and breathing through the adjustability of the back raise feature, to open the airways and reduce pressure on the diaphragm (e.g., for those with sleep apnoea, reflux, etc).
Falls Risk and/or involuntary movements (e.g., Parkinsons, tremors, seizures).	Bed lowers to floor height to reduce falls and associated injury. Facilitates a safer sleep position with added accessories e.g., full length rails and padded rails.
Pain/hypermobility Circulation/Lymphoedema/ Fibromyalgia	Knee break can support the legs to be elevated, therefore reducing tired, swollen, and painful legs/lower limbs. This elevation of the legs helps alleviate pressure on joints, particularly beneficial for those with hypermobility or pain conditions. Additionally, the Care position, with the ability to elevate the heels in line with the heart, contributes to postural drainage, enhancing circulation and reducing swelling. This feature is particularly advantageous for individuals with circulation issues, lymphoedema, and fibromyalgia, as it promotes better mobility, minimizes discomfort, and addresses specific challenges associated with these medical conditions.
Supports users changing needs e.g., long term care, Palliative	Due to the range of Empresa beds, accessories, ability to widen/lengthen bed to 'grow and adapt with the user'.
Cognitive Impairments	The Home Button empowers users to effortlessly adjust to a level and flat position, fostering independent control over their bed positioning. This user-friendly feature requires minimal problem-solving skills, making it especially beneficial for individuals with potential impairments in memory and attention, as it simplifies the learning process of using the handset. The inclusion of 1-touch preprogrammed positions, such as the Care Position, Semi Fowler, Zero G, Comfort Position, and Cardiac Chair, streamlines the adjustment process for users with cognitive challenges. This minimizes the opportunity for confusion and makes bed adjustments more intuitive. The Lockout feature prevents unauthorized handset use, ensuring user safety and adherence to clinical protocols, especially for users who might be confused or disoriented and unaware of the risks associated with changing the bed position. The Auto-safety stop feature prevents the bed from lowering below 200 mm without caregiver intervention. In situations where disorientation and confusion may lead to unsupervised attempts to get out of bed, this safety measure ensures a minimum height that significantly reduces the risk of fall-related injuries. Specifically designed for those who might attempt sit-to-stand transfers independently, the feature provides a safe and controlled height for such manoeuvres, promoting independence while minimizing the potential for injuries. The bed positioned at floor height, enhances user awareness as they can see their surroundings, reducing anxiety and attempts at bed exits. Collectively, all these features address potential confusion or hallucinations leading to bed exits.

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Transfer - Getting in and out of bed (need assistance and or equipment)	The Empresa Bed at floor bed height enables users to crawl onto the bed from the floor increasing independence from care staff and equipment.
Transfer - Positioning on the bed and in the correct place in bed (need assistance and or equipment)	The Empresa Bed at floor height enables users to use their feet to help position their bottom in the correct place on the bed and use profiles to support position.
Transfer - Unable to lift legs in and out of bed (need for assistance and or equipment)	The Empresa Bed can be lowered to floor height enabling a user to walk and/or swing their legs into bed independently
Attempted Bed Exits - Trying to get out of bed when physically unable	With the Empresa Bed at floor height, users search for the immediate area and gain sensory-motor feedback to their position (by feeling the floor) preventing them from trying to get up.
Attempted Bed Exits - Confusion or hallucinations leading to a user trying to get out of bed	With the Empresa Bed at floor height, users can see the floor to the side of them and have more awareness about their orientation (to help reduce anxiety and uncertainty) as to where they are, and fewer attempts of bed exits.
Bed Falls - Uncontrolled movements (such as during seizure or chorea movement) causing falls, getting out of bed when physically unable to weight bear, and during transfers	Whether initiated from uncontrolled movements, attempted bed exits and transfers, having the bed at floor height converts a fall into a roll and therefore reducing severity and possibility of injury.
Severity of Injury from Bed Falls - Requiring assistance or paramedic care or hospital admission	Due to the short distance between the bed frame and the floor, the risk of severe injury from rolling off is much lower than from falling from an increased height.
Injury from Bed Rails - Where bed rails are used to limit bed falls, sustaining injuries from contact/pressure/ entrapment associated with rails	As the risk of falling has been limited, there is no need for bed rails to be used eliminating the risk of injury from them. The injury from bed rails is also reduced due to the option of the padded rails/accessory feature (for those users who require rails - as some beds do not have this accessory).
Additional Care Staff Required - To monitor the user during the night to reposition in bed, intervene to prevent bed exits etc	As the risk of exiting the bed and injury from falls is reduced, less care is needed to monitor and reposition the user.
Additional Care Staff Required - To assist with transfers and bed mobility	Increased independence with transfers removing the need for carers.
Frequent need for Emergency Care - Give care for acute injuries	The Empresa Bed reduces the incidence of falls and severity of injury reducing the need for emergency care.
Need for additional equipment - Need to use a hoist and additional care to operate the hoist	Increased independence with transfers due to the bed adjustability/features removes the need for additional equipment such as a hoist.
Bed not suitable to deliver the care required - Bed too low for care to be given	The Empresa Bed can be raised to 800mm to give a good range of heights to deliver care and to reduce manual handling risk/injuries for carers.
Bed not supporting medical needs - Respiratory function impaired needing head of the bed to be raised and require support to achieve the position in bed	Profiling can be more easily accessed if positioned correctly into the bed which is improved with the Empresa Bed floor functions and autoregression head profile.
Having to sleep in a single bed - Disruption to personal life, choice and quality of life having to move out of joint bed with a partner	The design of the Empresa Bed frame enables a bed to be positioned flush against it enabling the partner to sleep next to the Empresa Bed user therefore enabling inclusive sleeping arrangements.

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Adult Entrapment Standard	<p>Subject to a risk assessment, the Full-Length Fabric Siderails can help to create a safer environment for the bed user.</p> <p>When the Empresa Bed is used with an appropriate mattress and the Full-Length Fabric Siderails, it will comply with the Adult Entrapment Standard standards.</p> <p>An Infill Bolster, or Fabric Siderail with Bolster, may be required to ensure compliance.</p> <p>The mattress must be risk assessed by an Occupational Therapist.</p> <p>The bed user must be risk assessed by a person qualified to do so.</p> <p>This does not comply with children's standards.</p>
Children Entrapment Standard	<p>Fabric siderails do not comply with the Children Entrapment standard.</p> <p>Fabric Siderails with Bolster: Specifically available in a 200cm length and not in 220cm. Fabric Siderails with Bolster are typically used for Paediatric Entrapment Compliance on FBI as part of the Junior Kit. They can be beneficial for children using an air mattress or those worried about potential gaps, providing an added layer of safety and reassurance.</p> <p>According to the 2020 Paediatric Fall and Entrapment Prevention and Management Guideline by the Clinical Excellence Commission of New South Wales a child's potential risk of falling and entrapment should be assessed by a person qualified to do so and use their clinical judgement in collaboration with the child and caregiver. Co-sleeping with young children is advised against due to its increased risk of entrapment. The use of bed rail protectors and bumpers should only be considered after a risk assessment.</p> <p>Refer to the guidelines for further recommendations.</p>
Design	<p>The design/aesthetic promotes a warm home look/feel through its neutral colour/material (enables choice & individuality).</p>