

Thank you for ordering the Vidatak EZ Board. The Vidatak EZ Board was originally designed by mechanically ventilated patients in a clinical research study at UCLA Medical Center. Our EZ Picture Board combines research at UCLA and Children's Hospital of Boston to provide you the first research-based, patient designed Picture Communication Board. Our EZ Boards can be 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 speaking or non English speaking patients. Providing this readily available and patient focused communication tool will enhance overall performance of the organization by improving patient care delivery models that improve patient satisfaction and outcomes.

FOR OPTIMAL USE, PLEASE:

- 1) Orient your patient to the content on this board.
- 2) Add names of family members or other custom vocabulary as needed.
- 3) Provide this board as part of preoperative teaching as it will improve patient's ability to navigate the board and use it more effectively. By familiarizing themselves with the board and individualizing the board, patients will have better use, improved satisfaction, reduced anxiety and reduced anxiolytic medication requirements, etc.
- 4) **KEEP THIS BOARD WITH THE PATIENT AT ALL TIMES!**
We provide a bedside rail holder for this exact purpose.
- 5) For infection control, **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, pictures or phrases. The patient may also wish to simply point.

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-Language Pathology Departments

Relying on head gestures or lip reading can be inferior patient care as clinical research has revealed that **THESE METHODS CAN BE INEFFECTIVE** and be misinterpreted, resulting in a patient's increased level of frustration, anxiety and exhaustion.

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 which may include:

1. Decreased level of frustration
2. Improved pain management
3. Reduced sedation requirements
4. Improved staffing efficacy (FTE's)
5. Increased patient participation and satisfaction with healthcare
6. Expedited extubation and decreased 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**