

## **ARC Products, LLC and Med Sled Announce Partnership with Children's Medical Center Dallas**

Hospital updates emergency equipment for more effective evacuation capability



**ST. LOUIS, MO** (August 6, 2010) -- ARC Products, LLC, manufacturer and innovator of the Med Sled, an emergency evacuation device, is proud to announce its recent partnership with Children's Medical Center Dallas (Children's). The hospital selected ARC Products to provide a safe environment for its patients and staff. Children's initial purchase includes 16 standard sleds, along with toddler and infant foam inserts to outfit the Dallas campus, a multi-storied facility licensed for 559 beds.

"Med Sled has given us a product we feel comfortable sharing with our staff," said Dana Suell, Emergency Preparedness Manager for Children's Medical Center Dallas. "The set-up and collapsibility of the Med Sled is so user-friendly. We really feel it will improve our evacuation process because of its durability and ease."

A hospitalist physician from the Legacy campus recommended the Med Sled and some investigation proved that the innovative product would meet the hospital's requirements.

In a community-wide emergency such as an tornado or other natural disaster, first responders may not arrive for hours or even days, depending on the severity of the situation. This is especially important for facilities, such as hospitals that have a high volume of immobile people on-site at all times.

"Children's recognized the importance of emergency evacuation for its patients and we are pleased to provide them with an advanced product that is easy to use," said Clifford Adkins, President of ARC Products, LLC. "We are glad that they have chosen to incorporate the Med Sled into their emergency plans. The Med Sled is the most effective device for evacuating buildings like schools, workplaces, nursing homes and hospitals such as Children's. People need to take action and question the level of preparedness for the facilities in which they spend most of their time."

The evacuation sled allows a single person to evacuate an individual in a quick, stable fashion using the roll and drag method. The sled permits non-professionals to evacuate an injured or immobile person when immediate response is required. The Med Sled was designed to operate in both single-story and multi-storied facilities, down a flight of stairs or over uneven terrain such as debris-filled hallways. The compact sled weighs less than 10 pounds and rolls up neatly into a store-and-carry bag. Suell said that she is also very happy that the Med Sled is decon-capable, which is critical in a hospital or healthcare setting.

As part of the overall goal of comprehensive emergency preparedness, ICU staff members at Children's have are training on the use of the Med Sled . Training is planned in the near future for the rest of the hospital's staff, and a disaster training exercise using the Med Sled is scheduled for late 2010.

### **About ARC Products and Med Sled**

ARC Products, LLC, based in St. Louis, is a national manufacturer of cost-effective evacuation solutions, including the Med Sled . Since 2004, ARC has been developing products to support disaster preparedness and emergency evacuation to ensure that non-ambulatory individuals are transported safely in emergency situations. Med Sleds are in service in 1,500+ facilities in all 50 states and more than six countries. Facilities include hospitals, nursing homes, fire and EMS, schools and universities, government facilities and military installations. Med Sleds are patent pending, made in America and approved by the GSA. For more information about ARC Products, LLC and the Med Sled , visit <http://www.medsled.com> or call 1-866-207-6993.

**About Children's Medical Center Dallas**

Children's Medical Center Dallas is one of the largest pediatric providers in the nation and is ranked one of the top 25 pediatric hospitals in the country by U.S. News and World Report. As the primary pediatric teaching facility for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Children's is the only academic hospital in North Texas dedicated exclusively to the comprehensive care of children from birth to age 18. Private and not-for-profit, Children's is licensed for 406 beds, has more than 50 pediatric sub-specialty ambulatory programs and is the only pediatric hospital in the Southwest with a designated Level I trauma center. The 72-bed Children's Medical Center Legacy is scheduled for completion in 2008 to better serve children in Collin County and the growing region. More information about Children's is available at <http://www.childrens.com>. News media may subscribe to receive pediatric health news via the Web site's Media section.

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