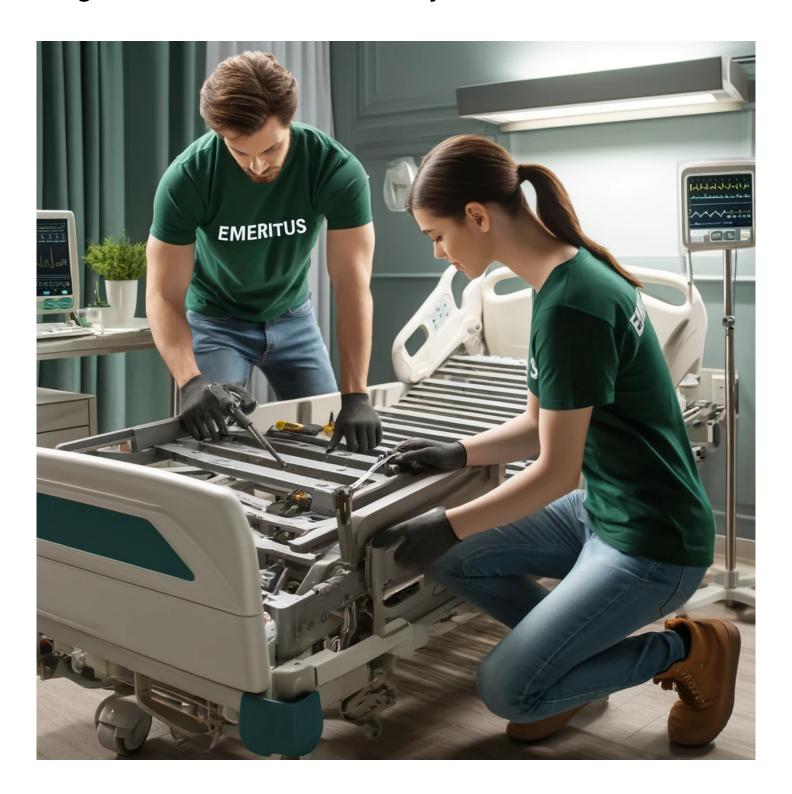
## **Emeritus Launches a Revolutionary Mattress Management Program to Enhance Patient Safety and Bed Maintenance**



**Richardson, Texas May 10, 2024 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - In an unprecedented move to elevate healthcare standards and patient safety, Emeritus announces the development of its cutting-edge Mattress Management Program, integrated into its comprehensive <u>hospital bed maintenance</u> services. This innovative initiative emerges in response to critical research findings, highlighting the prevalent issue of damaged hospital mattresses and bed frames within acute-care settings.** 

Recent studies, including notable research by Edmond Hooker, have unveiled alarming statistics: a staggering 72% of hospital mattresses exhibit signs of damage, with 47% necessitating cover replacement and 25% requiring a complete mattress overhaul. Alarmingly, 75% of these compromised mattresses are less than four years old, falling short of their expected lifespan. The prevalence of holes, stains, and rust on both mattresses and bed frames not only underscores the urgency of regular inspection and maintenance but also raises concerns over potential risks to patient health due to fluid leakage and subsequent exposure to healthcare-acquired infections.

Emeritus's Mattress Management Program is meticulously crafted to address these challenges head-on. By instituting a regimen of regular mattress checks for damage and educating Environmental Services (EVS) on the criticality of mattress care and the correct allocation of mattresses to beds, Emeritus is poised to drastically mitigate infection control issues. Leveraging advanced tagging and tracking technology, the program treats mattresses akin to medical devices, closely monitoring their condition, usage, and longevity.

"This program is more than an enhancement to our bed maintenance services; it's a vital response to the pressing need for better infection prevention and mattress care in healthcare facilities," stated Robert Manross at Emeritus. "Our initiative is directly informed by the latest research, which has laid bare the consequences of inadequate mattress maintenance. By acting proactively, we're not just preserving the integrity of hospital beds; we're safeguarding patient health."

The harsh cleaning chemicals, not approved for use on the polyurethane-coated fabric of modern high-tech mattresses, have contributed significantly to the rapid degradation of these essential hospital assets. Emeritus's program emphasizes the use of appropriate cleaning methods to prolong mattress life and ensure the safety and comfort of patients.

The alarming rate of bed-frame rust and the extensive damage to mattress covers and cores call for an immediate overhaul of current maintenance practices. Emeritus is leading the charge with its Mattress Management Program, setting a new standard in healthcare facility management and patient care.

Hospitals partnering with Emeritus can now benefit from an unprecedented level of oversight and care for their mattresses, significantly reducing the risk of healthcare-acquired infections and enhancing overall patient experiences.

For more information on Emeritus's Mattress Management Program and other <u>hospital bed maintenance</u> services, please visit <u>www.emerituscs.com</u> or contact (888) 364-3817.

## **About Emeritus**

<u>Emeritus</u> stands at the forefront of healthcare service innovation, specializing in comprehensive bed management solutions that prioritize patient safety, comfort, and healthcare facility efficiency. With a commitment to combating the hidden risks associated with damaged hospital mattresses, Emeritus empowers healthcare providers to deliver superior patient care.



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