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Functional, Ergonomic Design of TLC Elbow Splint Wins Good Design Award

The Chicago Athenaeum honors innovative IV therapy medical device in global design competition

(St. Louis, MO) – I.V. House, Inc. and design partners, Metaphase Design Group, Inc. have been awarded a prestigious 2019 GOOD DESIGN® Award in the Medical category for the TLC® Elbow Splint for excellence in design and innovation. This is the second time I.V. House and Metaphase have won a Good Design Award for the device; the first time was in 2015 for the TLC Wrist Splint.

The TLC Splint is a revolutionary IV therapy armboard that uses Human Factors and Ergonomics to make the device safer and more comfortable for patients while making it easier for nurses to apply and assess the extremity with the IV catheter.

Up to 90% of hospital patients require IV therapy. Traditional armboards are opaque and block visual and manual assessments of the IV insertion site and surrounding tissue. See-through openings in the TLC Splint help prevent common injuries and painful IV restarts by allowing nurses to Touch, Look, and Compare the IV catheter to the opposite extremity to check for changes in temperature, color, and swelling.

I.V. House and Metaphase Design group use nurse feedback throughout the research, development, and design process to ensure the products will help deliver on the promise of improved patient safety and increased nurse efficiency.

Founded in Chicago in 1950, GOOD DESIGN remains the oldest and most recognized program for design excellence worldwide. The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design and Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd. presented the Museum's annual GOOD DESIGN Awards Program for the most innovative and cutting-edge industrial, product, and graphic designs produced around the world. More than 900 new products and graphic designs were selected and awarded from thousands of entries coming from manufactures from more than 47 countries.

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About I.V. House

Since 1991, I.V. House has brought innovative products that stabilize, secure, and protect the IV insertion site to hospitals worldwide in order to improve patient safety and increase nurse efficiency. By partnering with Metaphase, the world leader in industrial design, specifically in ergonomics for hand intensive products, I.V. House has developed a product portfolio that incorporates best practices of Human Factors and Ergonomics to maximize product performance, increase patient safety, and improve end-user workflows. Learn more at www.ivhouse.com.

About Metaphase Design Group

Metaphase Design Group is a leading expert in the research, ergonomics and design of medical products and worldwide specialist in hand-intensive products and packaging. Driven by a collaborative approach, its user-centered innovation strategy creates award-winning product and packaging designs that rejuvenate markets, invigorates new product categories and shapes unique consumer brand experiences. Founded in 1991 and based in St. Louis, Metaphase partners with several of the world's most prestigious and influential brands and high-profile start-ups to drive innovation and create powerful brand experiences, receiving more than 120 international design excellence awards and producing more than 117 patented designs for clients. For more information, visit www.metaphase.com.

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