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Self contained portable bidet toilet commode

**We can all imagine that needing someone to wipe our bottom for us is extremely degrading and embarrassing. But without a viable alternative many people have had to rely on family members, carers or nurses to undertake this mutually embarrassing and unpleasant task.**

The Dignity Commode from Gordon Ellis & Co has been developed to fulfil this previously unmet clinical need to enable people to toilet themselves with dignity, without having to rely on the assistance someone else as is usually the case with a traditional 'chair and bucket' arrangement.

Incontinence and its associated difficulties are major triggers for people to have to leave their home and go into care. Now there is an option.

Incontinence and its associated difficulties are often reasons why people to have to stay in hospital care when they could otherwise return home. Now there is an option.

The Dignity Commode is a self-contained portable bidet toilet that will wash and dry the user's bottom without the necessity of a carer.

The commode can be in use within minutes of being delivered and at the press of a button on the electronic detachable control panel, a controlled spray of warm water will clean the user.

The water is warmed in the bidet unit to a comfortable and comforting temperature. This is thermostatically controlled, avoiding any shock or alarm to the user from water which is too hot or too cold. The toilet seat is also pre-heated for comfort.



The water spray nozzle undergoes a self-clean regime before and after every use to maintain the highest hygiene standard. The nozzle can be removed for cleaning if required.

After the spray programme, the unit automatically switches to blowing warm air. The air dryer removes the risk of abrasion or soreness from wiping or rubbing, as it dries without contact.

The cleaning and drying programme is pre-set at suitable timings for the user, or it can be overridden if required.

The Dignity Commode has been designed with attention to detail. There is a gentle blue light under the toilet seat to enable it to be used in the dark, without disturbing others. The seat height is also adjustable, without the need for any tools, to suit the user.



*"You smell!" When my grandson told me that, I lost all dignity.*

*I had a stroke about a year ago and since then I have been incontinent and find it very hard to deal with.*

*One day my best friend Andy found me staggering dangerously to the toilet because I couldn't bear the idea of my daughter having to clean me afterwards.*

*I know there are thousands of people like me living with this problem that robs us of our dignity and independence"*

Peter, patient

*"When I saw Peter that day, I knew that I had to try to develop something to help him."*

Andy, inventor



*"..could have a tremendous impact on the quality of care provided for patients who have suffered a stroke or patients with incontinence"*

NICE, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

The Dignity Commode is a self-contained unit that is ready for use within minutes. It requires only to be plugged into the household electrical supply. It does not require a professional plumber or electrician.

The in-built water reservoir is removed from the side of the commode and simply filled from the tap. The soiled waste is collected in the potty (or in a specially designed plastic bag with an absorbent liner) for easy disposal.

The special potty has a lock-on lid to contain the waste matter for easy and dignified disposal.

The unit can be quickly and easily moved to the ideal location on its two wheels. Once in place, the commode is stable and cannot move in use.

The Dignity Commode is made from hygienic white plastic and plastic coated steel for easy cleaning.

Any accidental spills or splashes are contained within the unit and will not spill on to the floor.

The bidet toilet can be unclipped from the main body so that the commode can be cleaned by hand or by autoclave, without any contact with electric components.

The Dignity Commode was invented by Andy Speechley after seeing his best friend in difficulty. The design was refined with the help of the clinical engineering team at Sheffield NHS Foundation Trust and Devices for Dignity, part of NHS National Institute for Health Research.

The Dignity Commode has received praise from the UK Government's Health Secretary, the UK's Chief Medical Officer, and the NHS Chief Executive.

The final design and manufacture has been by Gordon Ellis & Co, leading UK manufacturer of commodes, raised toilet seats and bathroom safety equipment for older and disabled people.

