

DEER RIVER



HEALTHCARE
CENTER

1002 COMSTOCK DRIVE
DEER RIVER, MN 56636
PHONE: 218-246-2900
FAX: 218-246-3013

HOMESTEAD REHABILITATION
& LIVING CENTER

COMMUNITY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

DEER RIVER HOMECARE

COMSTOCK COURT
ASSISTED LIVING

SILVERLINE BUS SERVICES

FRIENDSHIP HAVEN
ADULT DAY SERVICES

DEER RIVER AMBULANCE

REHABILITATION SERVICES

To: Emegear LLC
From: Renee Donnelly
Deer River Ambulance Service
Re: X Collar Cervical Splint

I was at the Arrowhead EMS Conference this past January when I first saw your product in a demonstration. I asked to have one sent to us so that I could show it to our crew. We received our sample collar a few weeks ago, and I showed it to our training officers. Our plan was to bring it to our next training meeting and then order them for use in our rigs once the crew was comfortable using them.

Last Saturday I was on call with one of the training officers and we were called to a motorcycle vs. deer trauma call. When we arrived on scene, the patient was supine in the ditch with first responders maintaining c-spine stabilization. Our patient was fairly large with a very short neck and we tried just briefly to place a collar and decided we should continue to maintain manual c-spine stabilization in route to the ER.

Once we arrived in ER the doctor asked the nurse to place a c-collar prior to moving him from our cot to theirs. The nurse also tried 2 or 3 different collars and could not find one that would adequately stabilize him. I told them we had a collar at our garage that would work, and had one of our crewmembers bring your X-Collar to the ER. Because the training officer and I had worked with your collar already, it was very easy for us to place the collar on him and finish securing him to the back board.

Due to the mechanism of injury, air medical was called to transport the patient to a trauma center. We had 26 minutes before the helicopter would be there and the plan was to try to get him to CT before he went out. With C-spine now secured, the patient was able to go to CT and had completed his scan prior to transport. His CT results were sent to the receiving hospital and they were able to review the CT before he arrived.

The X-Collar worked great on this patient, and it would have been nice to have it available out at the scene. We just placed an order for a case of them and the ER staff is also interested in your collar.

Sincerely,

Renee Donnelly
Ambulance Director
Deer River HealthCare Center