

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Canadian Medical Assistance Teams (CMAT), I am pleased to endorse the GENIE-powered evacuation stretcher for use in humanitarian, pre-hospital, and remote healthcare settings, including those in northern and austere environments.



CMAT delivers medical assistance in times of crisis, supporting disaster response, emergency medical operations, and community-based care in settings where infrastructure is limited and conditions are often challenging. Our teams regularly operate in remote and northern communities, as well as complex humanitarian contexts, where patient transport often involves difficult terrain, prolonged carries, and limited resources.

In these environments, patient evacuation equipment must be reliable, adaptable, and easy to deploy, while minimizing risk to both patients and responders. The GENIE stretcher addresses these operational needs by significantly reducing the physical burden associated with manual patient movement. Its powered assistance and mobility enhance responder safety and endurance, while supporting safer and more controlled patient transport over uneven terrain and through confined access points.

From a pre-hospital and humanitarian operational perspective, CMAT recognizes the GENIE stretcher's:

- Reduction in responder injury risk by decreasing manual lifting and sustained load bearing
- Improved patient safety and stability during evacuation in challenging environments
- Operational flexibility across disaster response, search and rescue support, and remote community care
- Ease of integration into multidisciplinary teams with minimal training burden

Humanitarian operations often take place under challenging conditions, including extreme weather, limited daylight, and logistical constraints. The GENIE stretcher is well-suited to these realities and represents a meaningful advancement in patient evacuation capability for responders working in austere, low-resource, and high-demand settings.

Based on CMAT's operational experience and assessment, we confidently endorse the GENIE-powered evacuation stretcher as a valuable solution for humanitarian organizations, pre-hospital emergency services, and responders operating in northern or remote communities.

Sincerely,

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