

Hanger, Inc. introduces new virtual reality technology to evolve patient experience in the prosthetics industry

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AUSTIN, Texas, April 27, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Hanger, Inc. (OTC PINK: HNGR) is transforming the patient experience for people with limb loss and limb difference with the launch of MIGOTM, a first-of-its-kind virtual reality (VR) experience.



"As America's industry leader in prosthetic care, we're dedicated to investing in new technology to support those we serve," stated Hanger, Inc.

President and Chief Executive Officer Vinit Asar. "Producing this VR experience to further empower the limb loss and limb difference community is an example of our commitment to fulfilling the triple aim of healthcare, which equates to exceptional patient care and experience."

The initial MIGO 360-degree immersive video experience offers users an opportunity to have a first-person point-of-view interaction with a fellow amputee. Users are able to experience a variety of activities, from walking down stairs and driving a car with two prosthetic legs, to cutting food with a prosthetic arm.

"Losing a limb can be highly traumatic, often compared to losing a loved one," stated Kevin Carroll, MS, CP, FAAOP(D), vice president of prosthetics for Hanger Clinic, Hanger's patient care subsidiary. "I'm thrilled we're now able to offer this new avenue for providing hope and inspiration, showing those with limb loss and limb difference what is truly possible with hard work, dedication, and the appropriate prosthetic devices."

The initial rollout of MIGO VR took place in mid-April at Hanger Clinic's 2018 Bilateral Above-Knee Amputee (BAKA) Bootcamp. Nearly 60 attendees simultaneously used the technology, immersing themselves in a virtual one-on-one peer mentorship experience and viewing what it's like to be independent with prosthetic technology. A number of attendees were using wheelchairs and in the early stages of learning to walk with prostheses, so it was an impactful opportunity, as they had the chance to explore a more mobile future.

"I was amazed by this experience," shared Yvonne Llanes, a BAKA Bootcamp attendee. "The word 'hope' came to my mind. This experience provides so much hope for those individuals with recent limb loss, and shows that anything is possible."

Feedback from the initial rollout will be used during the development of a full-length MIGO VR experience that will feature a variety of prosthetic users of various ages and amputation levels performing a number of different activities. The extended Hanger Clinic MIGO VR experience is slated to rollout nationwide summer 2018.

More information on MIGO VR is available at www.HangerClinic.com/MIGO.

About Hanger, Inc. – Built on the legacy of James Edward Hanger, the first amputee of the American Civil War, Hanger, Inc. (OTC PINK: HNGR) delivers orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) patient care, and distributes O&P products and rehabilitative solutions to the broader market. Hanger's Patient Care segment is the largest owner and operator of O&P patient care clinics with more than 800 patient care locations nationwide. Through its Products & Services segment, Hanger distributes branded and private label O&P devices, products and components, and provides rehabilitative solutions. With over 150 years of clinical excellence and innovation, Hanger's vision is to lead the orthotic & prosthetic markets by providing superior patient care, outcomes, services and value. For more information on Hanger, visit www.hanger.com.

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