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Patent Issued For StepRite Rehab Device

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FORT WORTH, Tx. -- **MedHab LLC**, a **TECH Fort Worth Acceleration client**, has been issued a patent on the initial filing of **StepRite®**, which affords medical care prescribers the ability to customize physical rehabilitation protocol to meet each patient's unique needs.

StepRite® is a wearable device that has the capability to measure body weight, pressure, gait, the flexibility of lower extremities and thermal sensing.

MedHab was founded in 2008 by Johnny Ross and Tim Sanghera. The patent was filed in 2008 and Ross said MedHab hopes "to launch StepRite® for commercial use" during the second quarter of 2012, assuming FDA approval is received by the end of 2011. MedHab is raising investment funds to take StepRite® to market.

"It's a huge step forward," **Ross** said. "It gives us the ability to operate freely, to move the company forward. We can manufacture the device as we initially intended without worry of infringement on other patents and other patents on ours."

"Additionally, several investors were just waiting for the patent to be issued to get on board with funding."

In addition to the patent that has just been issued, several additional patent claims have been filed.

MedHab LLC has developed a technology affording medical care prescribers (such as orthopedic surgeons and physical therapists) the ability to customize the rehabilitation protocol to meet each patient's unique needs. Johnny Ross was a sales and marketing executive for Johnson & Johnson and Tim Sanghera most recently was VP of Sales for Mouser Electronics.

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