

News Release

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**INVACARE CORPORATION BOLSTERS QUALITY ASSURANCE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADDITION OF NEW SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

ELYRIA, Ohio – (January 4, 2012) – Invacare Corporation (NYSE:IVC) today announced that Doug Uelmen has joined the Company as Senior Vice President, Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs.

Uelmen has over 30 years of experience in quality and regulatory roles, principally in the medical device industry. He has successfully led remediation efforts in his previous positions as the Vice President of Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs at GE Healthcare Surgery Division and as the Division Vice President of Quality Assurance, Regulatory Affairs at Abbott Laboratories.

“We look forward to having Doug’s leadership as we continue to focus our efforts on moving Invacare towards excellence in regulatory compliance. We are confident that Doug will continue his record of success by directing Invacare’s quality and regulatory remediation efforts,” said Gerald B. Blouch, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Invacare Corporation (NYSE:IVC), headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, is the global leader in the manufacture and distribution of innovative home and long-term care medical products that promote recovery and active lifestyles. The Company has 6,200 associates and markets its products in 80 countries around the world. The Company was named to the 2010 Fortune 1000 list and to the 2010 IndustryWeek U.S. Manufacturing 500. For more information about the Company and its products, visit Invacare's website at [www.invacare.com](http://www.invacare.com).