

Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup Wins Medical Design Excellence Award, Helps Autism Spectrum Kids and Dysphagia Sufferers Take Medications With No Problem

The Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup was recently recognized among winners of the 13th annual Medical Design Excellence Award given by Canon Communications. The Oralflo cup is a patented medical device which alleviates pill swallowing difficulties thanks to a specially designed spout. The product has already helped thousands, young and old, in overcoming their pill-taking challenges so that they are able to ingest prescribed medications without stress or discomfort.

([PRWEB](#)) May 4, 2010 -- Canon Communications recently announced the winners of their 13th annual Medical Design Excellence Award, recognizing companies and individuals around the world who have helped design, engineer, manufacture, and distribute groundbreaking medical devices and products. Among those honored was the Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup. The Oralflo cup has already helped thousands of people, particularly children and the elderly, ingest medicine in pill form without having to cut or crush their pills. It is currently in use by hospitals such as St. Jude Children's Hospital, UMass Memorial, Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Vanderbilt University Hospital, to name a few. It is distributed by a number of pharmaceutical companies including but not limited to Johnson & Johnson.

Designed by medical products engineer Roger Heilos Sr., the Oralflo cup was originally created as a pill swallowing solution for Heilos' family members. The cup's design is simple but effective: a plastic cup with a snap-on lid that features a special, ribbed spout where the pill is placed. The unique angle of the cup's spout enables the pill to flow easily down the throat along with the liquid as the patient drinks from the cup. People who have used the Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup remark that they are virtually unable to detect the feeling of the pill at the back of the throat, which in fact is what caused the gag reflex that made it difficult or impossible for them to take pills in the first place.

The Oralflo Website at <http://www.oralflo.com> cites that as many as 40% of Americans have difficulty swallowing pills, according to a 2005 Harris Interactive survey of 679 adults. This makes them less likely to follow the suggestion of health care providers who have prescribed specific medications to help improve their health. The Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup has proved a viable solution for people of all ages and with many types of conditions, including Autism and cancer and general dysphagia (swallowing difficulty), to be able to ingest prescribed medications with ease.

Dawn Winkelmann, Speech Language Pathologist and Certified Feeding Therapist, uses the Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup in her work with children who have Autism and Autism spectrum disorders. She developed protocols to use the Oralflo cup properly for both neurotypical children as well as children on the Autistic spectrum, which enable children to improve their swallowing, feeding and oral motor skills. Winkelmann performs live demonstrations on Skype which teach kids how to swallow pills using the Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup. To learn more, visit <http://www.speechspectrum.com/services.php>.

Winkelmann says, "I have taught hundreds of children with a variety of disabilities how to swallow pills safely using the Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup. In my clinical experience, children on the Autistic spectrum have more sensory challenges associated with pill-swallowing than any other pediatric disorder. Parents of children with Autism need a direct and tangible way to help their children with pill swallowing. The Oralflo cup and the Autism protocol demonstrate how to do that successfully."

In addition to this year's prestigious Medical Design Excellence Award, the Oralflo cup was also named as one of the "[Best New Products for Pediatrics 2008](#)" by [Contemporary Pediatrics magazine](#), as well as honored with the "best products of 2007" iParenting Media Award. The product has received the official Seal of Approval from the National Parenting Center.

The Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup can be used easily with a variety of pill sizes. It is trademarked and patented in the United States and 27 countries as patent number 7431175, and is used by medical professionals throughout the world. The Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup is registered with the FDA as registration # 300741142.

The cup can be ordered individually or in bulk at <http://www.oralflo.com/order-oralflo-pill-swallowing-cup.htm>.

For general product information about the Oralflo Pill Swallowing Cup, visit <http://www.oralflo.com>.

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