PAINT A PICTURE OF YOUR PATIENT WITH
CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION
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Abstract

Despite variations in funding sources in different countries such as the US and Canada, financial constraints continue to challenge our clinical practice in the realm of complex rehab technology. Cliché but true, as therapists, especially those who are conducting complex rehab technology evaluations, we need to “paint the picture” of the individuals mobility and seating needs now more than ever for funding approval. The challenge to achieve funding approval is to not only provide succinct narrative descriptions of the individual’s clinical and functional needs, but also tie the specific objective findings directly to the equipment being prescribed. We can liken this to a math problem where it is no longer sufficient to give the answer but show the clear and concise steps it took to get there. This session will provide a forum to discuss those challenges and potential solutions to meet not only the clinical documentation requirements of the payers as well as improve efficiencies in your own documentation process. Specific client documentation examples will be presented that demonstrate the transformational process by which a wheelchair clinic therapist changed their approach to documentation.

The session will also address the roles and responsibilities of the team members involved in the evaluation, discuss and review evaluation formats to ensure a comprehensive evaluation is documented as well as meet payer specific requirements, examples of converting generalized justification statements into stronger specific statements, and review specific justifications for complex wheelchair and seating components. The goal of the session is for you to leave with potential improvements and efficiencies for your own practice environment.

Course Objectives

1. The participant will be able to name at least three specific justification reasons for mobility base and components.
2. The participant will be able to state three key elements from the evaluation and tie them to the clinical findings to the justification for the base and/or components.
3. The participant will state at least three best practice concepts to incorporate into daily practice.

References:


**Speaker Bio:**

Lois Brown, MPT, ATP/SMS is a physical therapist with 23 years of experience including hands-on practice and full-time clinical education for more than 5 years. Lois has presented nationally and internationally on wheeled mobility and seating and assistive technology, including ISS, ESS, CSMC and RESNA. Lois has been published in a variety of rehab publications and is considered an expert in her field. Lois is working for a private outpatient practice specializing in neuro rehab treatment and wheelchair seating assessments in the home.

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