



CANADIAN SEATING &
MOBILITY CONFERENCE

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Registration Brochure

The Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference

September 12-13, 2023

A forum for professionals in seating,
mobility, and rehab technologies to
share information, enhance their
knowledge, and increase their skills.



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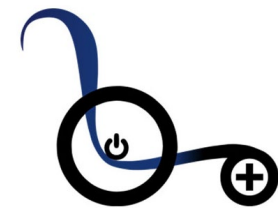
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2023 EXHIBITORS

One of the key components of the Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference is showcasing the latest advancements in products that you see every day. In our exhibit hall, we have exhibitors representing the leading brands in seating and mobility to share new products and much more.

[Click here](#) to browse the list of our growing exhibitors by category to see which ones you'll want to visit! This list is growing daily, so be sure to come back to add to your list of booths to visit!



GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference is Canada's foremost annual event dedicated to providing excellence in education in this specialized field. The two-day format features a full slate of interactive workshops on both days while providing an extended period of unopposed Exhibit Hall time.

Conference Locations & Accommodations

The deadline to sign up for our room block is **Thursday, August 10, 2023**. Be sure to mention that you are with CSMC to get our rate of \$172.00 CAD per night. Hotel details can be found below:



Hotel Contact

Delta Hotels by Marriott - Toronto Airport & Conference Centre
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416.244.1711 / 800.668.3656

Learning Objectives

The workshops provide a thought-provoking and interactive means to learn about techniques and emerging knowledge in clinical care, service delivery, product development, and research. The Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall affords a prime opportunity for professional networking.

Continuing Education Units (CEU)/Attendance Certificate

CEUs are only required by certain organizations, such as RESNA. Be sure to check with your organizations to see if CEUs are required.

CEU Credit will be awarded to attendees who successfully complete the following:

1. Insert the code presented at the beginning and end of the presentation. You must attend at least 90% of a session in order to earn continuing education credit for that session.
2. Complete the evaluation form for each session you attend.

Certificates of attendance will be emailed out to all participants after the conference.

CSMC Office

- Conference Director: csmc@vgm.com
- Website: www.csmc.ca
- Phone: [905.257.7002](tel:905.257.7002)

Registration Information

Full registration includes:

- Keynote Presentation
- Admission to three workshops on Tuesday, two workshops on Wednesday.
- Complimentary admission to the Tuesday Welcome reception in the Exhibit Hall
- Access to the Exhibit Hall
- Lunch and coffee breaks
- Plenary Presentation

Registrations including full payment received online by July 31, 2023, are eligible for early registration pricing.

Refund Policy

Registration fees are non-refundable. Special circumstances may be considered. Contact csmc@vgm.com

Exhibit Hall And New Product Showcase

Explore the Exhibit Hall to view the latest equipment and to network with company representatives. New products are highlighted by RED balloons. There will be an online vote for the Harding Award for Product Innovation with the winner being announced on Wednesday at 1:15 p.m.

Video And Audio Recordings

Recordings of any type are prohibited during all presentations within the Conference Program unless written permission has been requested and granted by both the Conference organizers and the speaker.

CONFERENCE EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY 1

Tuesday,
Sep. 12

7:15 a.m. – 5 p.m.

7:15 – 8:15 a.m.

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

2:30 – 6 p.m.

2:30 – 6 p.m.

6 – 7 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Continental Breakfast

Opening Remarks

Tim Arnold– Keynote Presentation

Workshop Block A (75 mins)

Workshop Block B (75 mins)

Registrant Lunch

Workshop Block C (75 mins)

Exhibit Hall – Welcome Reception

New Product Walk in Exhibit Hall

Social Hour

DAY 2

Wednesday, Sep. 13

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Plenary Session – "There's a better way to do it - Find it."
9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	New Product Walk in Exhibit Hall
10:45 a.m. – Noon	Workshop Block D (75 mins)
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:15 p.m.	Harding Award Winner Announcement
1:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Workshop Block E (75 mins)
2 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closes

2023 REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird 1-Day	\$215.00
Early Bird 2-Day	\$325.00
1 Day	\$270.00
2 Day	\$380.00
Exhibit Hall Pass 1 Day	\$50.00
Exhibit Hall Pass 2 Day	\$90.00

**Applicable taxes will be added at checkout*

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Tim Arnold

“Lead with “AND”: The Secret to Leadership Resilience and Results”

Tuesday, Sep. 12 • 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.



We all want to make a difference, leave a mark, and improve the world around us. But do you often feel like you're fighting an uphill battle?

How do you rise above impossible demands, broken systems, and unreasonable people?

In *Lead with “AND,”* expert business strategist, Tim Arnold, offers an innovative approach that goes beyond the tradition either/or approach to solve problems and embrace the transformation power of both/and thinking. His insights have been applied at the United Nations, Royal Bank of Canada, Allstate Insurance, Toyota, and Siemens.

Through this keynote, you will learn how to:

- Set proper expectations AND extend grace
- Increase confidence AND retain humility
- Leverage optimism AND maintain realism
- Embrace change AND preserve stability
- Care for other AND care for yourself
- Turn a profit AND foster a purpose

Lead with “AND” is the paradigm-shifting approach for professionals who want to transform their workplaces. Learn how to rise above polarity, division, and conflicting values and lead with resilience, results, and lasting impact.

Tim Arnold Bio

Leaders and teams are often in a tug-of-war, facing competing demands such as planning vs. action, structure vs. flexibility, change vs. stability, and work vs. home. In order to thrive, they must tackle these tensions head on. Tim Arnold provides his audiences with powerful tools that help them understand and breakthrough the chronic issues they face in both their professional and personal lives.

Arnold has spent over two decades helping leaders better manage complexity, increase resilience, and deliver results. Having run both a for-profit business and a homeless shelter, he leverages his real-world experience to help organizations pursue both profit and purpose. Past clients have included the United Nations, Compassion International, Royal Bank of Canada, Allstate Insurance, Toyota, and Siemens. Arnold is the author of the bestselling books, *“Lead with AND: The Secret to Resilience and Results in a Polarized World,”* and *“The Power of Healthy Tension: Overcoming Chronic Issues and Conflicting Values.”* His work focuses on helping leaders unleash the superpower of “both/and” thinking in an “either/or” world.

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EDUCATION SESSIONS

WORKSHOP BLOCK A (75 MINUTES)

Tuesday, Sep. 12, 2023 • 9:45 – 11 a.m.

W1 – EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP, PERMOBIL

Programming for Participation

This workshop will address Permobil's NEW electronic platform and method of programming that is easy and intuitive, whether it is for simple programming adjustments such as speeds to more complex programming involving standing and alternative drives. This workshop will highlight the theory behind key programming parameters and the “how to” on programming Permobil chairs, achieving optimal outcomes for mobility, power seat functions, as well as integrating with wireless technologies.

Presented by: Stuart Denny, National Technical Educator, Brenlee Mogul-Rotman, OT Reg. (Ont.), ATP/SMS, Stefan Morin, OT

**This session is not eligible for CEUs.*

W2 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Hands-On Mat Assessment Part 1

This session is for those who are new to the assessment process or who want to refine their assessment skills. We will review the components of the assessment including linear measurements and relative angles. The second half of this session will have participants actively practicing measuring and assessing postural tendencies and ROM. Yoga mats are welcome as participants will lie down on rows of chairs or on the floor for the practical component.

Presented by: Marlene Adams, OT, Brittany Thordarson, OT

W3 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Making Sleep Surfaces Count

Challenges within the current healthcare environment have led to issues of limited or unreliable caregiving support in both community and facility settings. In many cases this has resulted in patient's increased time spent in bed, further emphasizing the need for selection of an appropriate surface to reduce skin risk and manage pressure injuries. This presentation will review assessment considerations, review surface options (features and benefits), identify best practices when selecting surfaces, and providing clinical justification.

Presented by: Kathy Fisher, B.Sc. (OT)



W4 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Standing for Function

Standing is one of the building blocks of child development to provide them with what they need to function for the rest of their lives. Standing provides mechanical and sensory input needed for growth and development of the musculoskeletal system. It also provides an environment for learning motor skills and postural control that are not possible in sitting or lying. We learn and develop skills through experiences with the environment. Varied environments provide children with opportunities to practice and develop additional motor skills.

Presented by: Maryann Girardi, PT, DPT, ATP

W5 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Optimizing Positioning in a Mobile Shower Commode Chair for Function and Safety

Proper positioning and pressure relief is vital in all environments, including within the bathroom and shower. Medical teams may not consider the needs of the person with mobility impairments for configurable or customizable shower and toileting equipment. This presentation will discuss the options available that allow clients to be properly and safely positioned while showering or completing their bowel and bladder program. These options include the commode's ability to change positions in space (tilt), provide superior seated pressure reduction, and the adjustability of leg and arm supports.

Presented by: Roberta O'Shea, PT, DPT, PhD

W6 - EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP, POWER PLUS MOBILITY

Introduction to Basic Wheelchairs

This course starts with the basics of manual wheelchairs and will provide a practical overview as to why we have the broad range of configurations of product available to prescribers. Attendees will gain an understanding of how to measure including the importance of centre of gravity, and how to configure a chair for specific patient diagnosis. This course will aid the prescriber with improved outcomes for their patients. The course format will be interactive, hands-on with the actual equipment.

Presented by: Anthony Despoja

**This session is not eligible for CEUs.*

EDUCATION SESSIONS

WORKSHOP BLOCK B (75 MINUTES)

Tuesday, Sep. 12, 2023 • 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

W7 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

History of Seating in Wheeled Mobility in North America: The Times, They are a Changing

This course will focus on the development of the wheelchair and seating profession from the 1970s to 2023. This trio of OT presenters bring more than 120 years of experience in seating for wheeled mobility to focus on where this specialty came from and the significant factors which made it what it is today. The pendulum often swings between ready-made and custom-made options with each of these areas serving an important role. This session will examine the progression of seating development in terms of concepts and using anecdotal examples.

Presented by: Stephanie Tanguay, OT/L, ATP, Jessica Presperin Pedersen, OTD, MBA, OT/L, ATP/SMS, FAOTA, RESNA Fellow, Jill Sparacio, OTR/L, ATP/SMS, ABDA

W8 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Hands-On Mat Assessment Part 2

This session is for those who are new to the assessment process or want to refine their assessment skills. We will review the components of the assessment, including linear measurements and relative angles. The second half of this session will have participants actively practicing measuring and assessing postural tendencies and ROM. Yoga mats are welcome as participants will lie down on rows of chairs or on the floor for the practical component.

Presented by: Marlene Adams, OT, Brittany Thordarson, OT

W9 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Using Technology and Seating to Fuel Passion and Leisure

Wheelchairs are prescribed to enable activities of daily living, promote participation in the community, and optimize quality of life for people with varied abilities. Wheelchair users face greater boundaries when trying to pursue leisure and recreational activities. These boundaries often include lack of early experiences, limited opportunities for participation, funding, attitudinal barriers and lack information, resources, and appropriate equipment. We can all recognize the benefits of leisure, including sense of achievement, stimulation, socialization, friendship, self-esteem, and physical and mental fitness. The opportunity for wheelchair users to engage in leisure of one's choice is paramount to their well-being. We are often tasked with the responsibility to address one's mobility and seating needs. This workshop will explore exciting stories of teamwork and advocacy that resulted in both enhanced mobility and the opportunity to participate fully in chosen leisure activities.

Presented by: Sara Timleck, MSc OT. OT Reg. (Ont.), Kim Marven, MSc OT. OT Reg. (Ont.)

W10 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Pediatrics: Don't Overthink It, Re-Think It for Manual Mobility

Pediatrics! That one word can bring anxiety and apprehension when preparing for a seating and mobility evaluation. The world of complex mobility isn't as easy as selecting a mobility base, a backrest, and a cushion. And for pediatric clients, they cannot be treated as just "little adults." They come with their own unique mobility, positioning, and social needs. If we continue to prescribe pediatric manual wheelchairs "the way we always have," where every child gets mag rear wheels, pneumatic tires with airless inserts, we are doing our youngest clients a severe disservice. We will look at growth patterns and the best ways to "build in growth" into the mobility device. (Not by just automatically making the seat two inches wider.) Using evidence-based resources, experience, and case examples, this course will give you more confidence in manual wheelchair prescriptions for your pediatric clients.

Presented by: Christie Hamstra, PT

W11 - EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP, PRIDE MOBILITY

Moving Forward: Introducing the Tru Balance 4 Power Positioning System

Introduction of Quantum Rehab's new Anterior Tilt power positioning system. The TRU-Balance® 4 Power Positioning Systems provides a choice of 10, 20, or 30 degrees of power anterior tilt. Other features include up to eight customizable memory seating positions and an articulating foot platform that lowers to assist with transfers. TRU-Balance 4 is available on the Edge 3 Stretto®, Edge® 3, and 4Front® 2 power chairs.

Presented by: Kevin Cook, SR Rehab Product Specialist

**This session is not eligible for CEUs.*

W12 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

On-Time Mobility for Manual and Powered Mobility: Evidence and Shared Experiences for Intervention and Training

On-Time Mobility was coined around 2020 to describe when very young children or people with cognitive, intellectual, or functional impairments have the ability for augmentative self-initiated movement. This session will review the research and reported experiences of the benefits of promoting on-time mobility, level of learning, assessment tools, and training ideas for appropriate intervention. Participants will be encouraged to dialogue with therapists pertaining to intervention devices and techniques.

Presented by: Toni Taylor, OT

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WORKSHOP BLOCK C (75 MINUTES)

Tuesday, Sep. 12, 2023 • 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

W13 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Clinical Considerations of Prescribing Manual Versus Power Mobility

Working together with therapists, clients may often consider a manual or power wheelchair to increase their mobility, engage in activities of daily living, and participate in community life. Selecting a manual or power wheelchair is a complicated and multifactorial process. The skills and factors needed to successfully use and incorporate a manual versus power wheelchair into the client's life vary greatly (Smith et al., 2016; Abou & Rice, 2022). The consequences of an inappropriate wheelchair prescription can negatively impact the function and quality of life of clients. A thorough interview and assessment are necessary to understand the client's needs, goals, and expectations (RESNA Wheelchair Service Provision Guide, 2011). Based on RESNA's Assessment Guide, participants will use this tool to work through case studies, analyzing manual versus power mobility appropriateness.

Presented by: Cathy Choi, OT Reg. (Ont.), certified ATP

W14 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Dynamic Seating: Providing Movement for Clinical Benefit

This course will define dynamic seating, as well as the clinical benefits of this intervention. A variety of product options and features will be reviewed to better match these features to a specific client's needs. Case studies will be used throughout.

Presented by: Michelle Lange, OT

W15 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Community Seating Assessment Toolkit

This session will discuss the concept of a community assessment toolkit. The toolkit will be a starting point for maximizing the clinician's success in providing a client-centered, optimized outcome within the seating and mobility service provision in the community or less than resourced context.

Presented by: Stefan Morin, OT

W16- CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Pressure Injury Prevention Throughout the Client's Day

The Canadian Pressure Injury Advisory Panel's (www.cpiap.com) vision of "A Canada without Preventable Pressure Injuries" is only possible by focusing on preventing pressure injuries throughout each client's day regardless of their age or setting. In this one-hour course, research and best practice guidelines will be integrated into practical recommendations that can be implemented throughout the client's day. Strategies to address pressure, friction and shear forces in sitting, lying, transfers, bathing, and toileting will all be addressed with a view to set priorities with the client and create a manageable plan.

Presented by: Linda Norton, RN, MN, BScN, BScKin, WOCC(C)

W17- EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP, ETAC

Full Tilt Boogie – Etac Pediatric Tilt in Space Solutions

Under the Etac umbrella, we have a variety of tilt in space solutions to serve our next generation, from early intervention to graduation. We offer innovative solutions from our product families of Ki Mobility, R82, and Convaid. This may be our Ki Mobility Little Wave Arc which features "translation of centre of gravity," the Rodeo from Convaid, or the Little Wave Flip that "flips the script on ordinary" with its stroller aesthetics combined with the configurability of a wheelchair. With our wide range of tilt products, we have solutions to satisfy all your families. Exciting updates in this session will include our newly ADP approved X:Panda Shape, which can mount to a variety of bases including our Tyke and Flip, as well as our ACS seating which gives you just the right fit on our Arc.

Presented by: Derek Fletcher, National Product Specialist Manager, Bill Randall, Clinical Mobility Product Specialist

**This session is not eligible for CEUs.*

W18 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Beyond the Joystick

Some power mobility candidates never access a joystick, while others may lose the ability to use a joystick over time due to disease progression. This presentation will review strategies to get the most from a standard joystick depending on the client's strength, coordination, and tone. We'll then move on to discuss considerations for moving beyond a standard joystick to alternate joysticks, proportional controls, and non-proportional controls. Clinical applications will be shared throughout to demystify a wide variety of choices. Manufacturer-level support will be on hand for technical questions and hands-on demonstration.

Presented by: Pam McCaskill, OT, Jason Chiasson, Account Manager and Power Sales Specialist



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PLENARY SESSION (75 MINUTES)

Wednesday, Sep. 13, 2023 • 8:15 – 9:30 a.m.

"There's a better way to do it - Find it" – Thomas Edison

This session will build on this quote from the man who died with 1,093 patents, many of which still affect our lives today.

We will look at various delivery models within Canada today and develop practical takeaways for attendees to consider for their local agencies. The format will include a panel of seating and mobility industry leaders from the institutional-clinical, community-clinical, funding administration, academia, provider, and consumer communities. Together, we will consider ways we can simplify the delivery models while improving the level of care we provide to our patients. This will be interactive and will provide an opportunity for audience input.

Hosted by: This session will be hosted by a panel of industry stakeholders. We look forward to hearing from you!

WORKSHOP BLOCK D (75 MINUTES)

Wednesday, Sep. 13, 2023 • 10:45 a.m. – Noon

W19 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Wheeled Mobility and Pressure Injuries: Equipment Considerations and Strategies for the High-Risk Client

This workshop will review the science behind pressure injuries and up-to-date research that supports current best practice recommendations. The course will focus on how the wheelchair dependent client's level of risk impacts the choices of surfaces—inside and outside of the wheelchair. Pressure distribution strategies will be reviewed, as well as the role of differing support surface material and geometry characteristics. Participants will be provided with intervention strategy suggestions to incorporate into their daily practice.

Presented by: Brenlee Mogul-Rotman, OT Reg.(Ont.), ATP/SMS

W20 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Carbon Fiber: A Panel Discussion with Manual Wheelchair Industry Experts

Composite materials, including carbon fiber, have been named by the National Academy of Engineering as one of the greatest achievements of the 20th century. It is globally used in the sports, automotive, and aerospace industries. Even though carbon fiber has successfully been used in manual wheelchair manufacturing for over a decade, it is still one of the newest materials in the industry. With that comes a lot of excitement and apprehension. In this seminar, the audience will engage with a panel of experts in their field about the benefits of carbon fiber within the manual wheelchair industry from an end-user, clinical, and engineering perspective. We will also discuss the limitations of access to carbon fiber from a sales and funding viewpoint.

Presented by: Alli Speight, MScOT, ATP, Christie Hamstra, PT

W21 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Back Support Considerations to Optimize Function and Posture

The use of back supports on wheelchairs has become best practice for prescription of wheelchair seating over the past years. Research has shown benefits to wheelchair users in promoting postural alignment, postural stability, pain management, and upper extremity function. There is typically a sweet spot for back support combining height orientation, overall length of support on the thoracic spine, and the placement and depth of lateral contour. This session will review the aspects of back support shapes, dimensions, materials, and the impact each has on consumer function and posture.

Presented by: Stephanie Tanguay, OT/L, ATP

W22 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Custom Molding Seating: You can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks!

So much has changed in the world of custom molded seating since its origin back in the 1980s. This includes material options, manufacturing processes, and custom molding concepts. All these changes can negatively or positively affect cushion performance depending on how they are applied to each situation. As a part of the seating team, it is imperative that these changes and new options are fully understood to provide optimal seating for the consumer. This session will provide a brief history of custom molded seating and a discussion of these ever-changing options and processes. Materials, including foams and coverings, will be discussed to understand how different options will impact consumer use. Shape capture techniques will also be discussed, including the determination of total contact or off-loading. The key to successful custom molded seating is consideration of it throughout the evaluation process.

Presented by: Jill Sparacio, OTR/L, ATP/SMS, ABDA

W23 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Screening and Assessment Approaches to Identify Functional Vision Loss in Seniors During Mobility Aid Assessment

Concurrent impairments in mobility and vision are prevalent in the aging population. Additionally, ambulation difficulties and falls are impacted by vision loss from age-related eye conditions, such as macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy. Community-dwelling older adults frequently require mobility aids. Clinicians providing assessment for mobility aids require tools to ensure that clients have adequate vision for safe mobility aid use; however, they may not have access to medical documentation on vision status. This workshop identifies screening and assessment approaches to enable clinicians to determine functional vision loss to guide mobility aid prescription. Time will be provided for clinicians to practice with the screening tools demonstrated during the workshop.

Presented by: Linda Petty, MSc OT, O.T. Reg. (Ont.)

W24 - EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP, SUNRISE

The Clinical Benefits of Power Assist Add-Ons

From injury prevention to energy conservation and transportability, there are numerous benefits that are associated with power assist options. Adding power options to a manual wheelchair can assist the user in propulsion or assist the caregiver in maneuvering the wheelchair. This session will explore the clinical benefits related to power assist options, which options are currently available, and when considerations for power assist may be appropriate. Opportunities to trial power assist on manual wheelchairs will be offered.

Presented by: Toni Taylor, Jessica Presperin Pedersen, OTD, MBA, OT/L, ATP/SMS, FAOTA, RESNA Fellow

**This session is not eligible for CEUs.*

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WORKSHOP BLOCK E (75 MINUTES)

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 • 1:45 – 3 p.m.

W25 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Bariatrics: Pressure Injury and Wound Care Considerations

Human dignity is an essential part of healthcare for all clients, including those who are obese. Similar to very underweight clients, bariatric patients are at risk for a multitude of difficult and costly skin conditions. This program will discuss strategies and present evidence to enhance the chance of successful outcomes for clinicians and DME/rehab providers who care for bariatric clients and their skin. The scope and problems associated with obesity and bariatrics, the causes and dynamics of bariatrics, solutions for choosing appropriate equipment, caring for the bariatric patient's skin, and various safety issues associated with the bariatric patient are included.

Presented by: Karen Lerner, RN, MSN, ATP, CWS

W26 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Fall Prevention Through Wheelchair Seating

Fall prevention is a high priority and a challenge in the community and long-term care. Prescription of stable wheelchair seating has been shown to reduce the number of falls by up to 50%. From selection of an appropriate size of a wheelchair to paying attention to the design of cushions and backs, small details matter in patient safety! This workshop will provide tips and suggestions for use of wheelchair seating to promote fall prevention. It is paramount to make sure that the wheelchair set up addresses the patient's goals and eases caregiver workload. This session will be of interest to team members working with home care clients or long-term care residents such as OTs, OTAs, PTs, PTAs, Kinesiologists, PSWs, and nursing staff.

Presented by: Anna Sokol, RN, MN, BScN, BScKin, WOCC(C)

W27 – CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Optimizing a Wheelchair: Using the Technology to Ensure Ongoing Success

Professionals involved in manual wheelchair prescription must work with end-users to create a configuration that achieves optimum results for postural stability, function, and propulsion efficiency. As professionals involved in manual wheelchair prescription and fitting, our knowledge should evolve to integrate new research evidence. This presentation will dive into the details of wheelchair set-up factors that must be considered to optimize postural stability and propulsion efficiency for end users. Consideration will be given to the relationship between these factors, current research supporting optimization of each factor, and how to make prescriptive decisions while providing for potential changes in clinical need.

Presented by: Deborah L. Pucci, PT, MPT

W28 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Empowering Wheelchair users with Blind Spot Sensor Technology

Sensor technology for wheelchairs has garnered a lot of interest in the last few years, with an increasing number of users expecting this technology to become a standard feature on their wheelchairs. In this session, you will hear from Dr. Pooja Viswanathan (CEO and founder of Braze Mobility) who invented the Braze Blind Spot Sensors after over a decade of peer-reviewed research on “smart” wheelchairs. Dr. Viswanathan will review justification for the technology, as well as several case studies and 3rd party peer-reviewed evidence that demonstrate the benefits of blind spot sensor technology. A live demonstration of the technology will be presented, and advantages and disadvantages of this technology vs. other smart wheelchair systems will be discussed.

Presented by: Pooja Viswanathan, CEO, Braze Mobility

W29 - CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Air Travel with a Wheelchair: Process, Protection, Policy, and Potential for Change

This presentation will review the latest governmental involvement and policy for people with disabilities traveling by air. It will cover advocacy, organizational support, and research. It will also review how a rider can protect the wheelchair that is being stored in the cargo hold.

Presented by: Jessica Presperin Pedersen OTD, MBA, OT/L, ATP/SMS, FAOTA, RESNA Fellow

W30 - EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP, AMYLOR

It's NOT Just About Pressure Relief: Discovering the Full Potential of an Air Cell Therapeutic Cushion Presenter

Air cell cushions have long been hailed as an effective solution for preventing pressure ulcers. However, in the clinical setting, pressure distribution alone is not enough in determining the quality of an air cushion. Factors such as toughness, impermeability, stability, cleanability, and maintainability are equally important in the selection process. In this session, we will do a deep dive into these crucial factors and explore their significance in choosing the right air cell cushion. We will equip you with the knowledge and tools necessary to make an informed decision for optimal patient comfort and care.

Presented by: Jean-Luc Lessard, ENG. M.S.

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