

Wheelchair Skills: Important Considerations When Choosing a Wheelchair

Length: 1 hour

Description:

Wheelchair stability and wheelchair mobility have long been at odds with one another. There are at least three approaches that can be used to overcome these tradeoffs – improve accessibility, improve wheelchair design and improve wheelchair skills training.

Objectives

1. Participants will be able to use the Wheelchair Skills Test Questionnaire (WST-Q) to determine the need for wheelchair skills training.
2. Participants will be able to list 10 wheelchair skills to consider for independent manual wheelchair mobility.
3. Participants will be able to list 10 wheelchair skills to consider for power wheelchair independent mobility.

Instruction Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Credits: 1.0 CCU / 0.1 CEU

AOTA & TPTA approved

Presenter

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Julie Piriano graduated with Honors from The University of Illinois in 1984 with a B.S. in Physical Therapy. She worked at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton, IL for 10 years and began their seating clinic in 1986. She then worked for a manufacturer of pediatric positioning products where she was responsible for the design, development, marketing and sales of the product line. Julie joined the Rehab division of a large, a national DME provider from 2003-2008 where she was primarily responsible for managing their Medicare operations and compliance. She is currently working for Pride Mobility Products Corporation as the Director of Rehab Industry Affairs.

Julie has been a member of RESNA for over 20 years where she currently serves on the Board of Directors. She served on the Professional Standards Board from 2007 – 2014 and is an active participant in the Wheeled Mobility and Seating SIG and the PT PSG. She is a Friend of NRRTS, a member of the AAHomecare Complex Rehab and Mobility Council, serves on the NCART Medicaid Committee, the User's First Alliance Advisory Board and the Mobility Management Editorial Board. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Great Lakes Home Medical Services Association and the Midwest Association for Medical Equipment Services and is an active member of the DME MAC Advisory Councils. Julie is a highly proactive industry resource on legislative and regulatory issues that impact the complex rehab industry and is actively involved with the coverage, coding and standards work groups as part of the Complex Rehab Separate Benefit Initiative