

Access or Activations: Rethinking the Approach for Access and Mobility

Length: 4 Hours

Description:

This course will break down the pieces of assessment for access to communication and mobility. It will help with strategies for functional seating access methods and training for more successful outcomes. It will demonstrate why some strategies are ineffective for functional movement and independence.

Attendees will participate in a seating lab that will show why switch sites do not work for some clients and discuss strategies for supportive seating and access to technology. They will have the ability to view wheelchairs that are available and the types of electronics that are on them. We will discuss how to identify components necessary to reach clients goals and how to justify them which will help with the decision making process for better patients outcomes.

Participants will view client case studies and the show of different strategies for access of their powered mobility, seat functions, communication access, and how to integrate these systems to promote more independence.

Objectives:

1. Apply the basic principle of seating for access.
2. Recognize the role of powered mobility in determining access for involved clients.
3. Describe and identify at least 2 forms of alternative access for power mobility, computers or AAC devices.
4. Give examples of alternative access without powered mobility

Instructional Level: Intermediate

Credits: 4.0 CCU / 0.4 CEU

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Presenter:

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Lisa Rotelli, Director of Adaptive Switch Laboratories, Inc., has had a lifetime of experience starting as a Clinical Coordinator for a Rehab Hospital in Northern

California. She also served as a Rehab Manager for a large rehab equipment supplier and a Rehab Specialist for one of the major manufactures of rehab wheelchairs. She is certified by the University of Tennessee at Memphis as a seating specialist, and the University of Misericordia in Pennsylvania in pediatric seating. She specializes in alternative access, drive control systems, and has designed several drive control systems for severely involved clients. She presents at national conference to all levels of Clinical Therapists, Suppliers, and Educators.