

Discovering Independence: Standard and Alternative Input Drive Controls

Length: 2 Hours

Description:

During this two-hour seminar participants will be introduced to a variety of drive control devices and equipment for power wheelchairs including the clinical application of each. Participants will be encouraged to think outside of the box in order to identify ways to improve an individual's level of success with finding greater independence through power mobility.

Objectives:

1. Identify three ways to adapt a standard joystick to assist with drive access.
2. List five types of alternative drive controls and the clinical application of each device.
3. Define proportional drive and non-proportional drive as it relates to driving power wheelchairs.

Instructional Level: Intermediate

Credits: 2.0 CCU / 0.2 CEU

TPTA approval pending

TOTA approval pending

Presenter:

Linda Bollinger, DPT

Linda Bollinger joined the Sunrise Medical team in the fall of 2018 as a Clinical Education Manager. She has a BS-MS in physical therapy from Long Island University, Brooklyn. In May 2018, she earned her DPT from Utica College. In addition, she received her ATP certification in 2000.

Prior to joining the Sunrise Medical team, Linda was the Director of Rehabilitation at Long Island Select Healthcare (formerly UCP Suffolk). Her experience at UCP included developing and operating a seating and mobility clinic for individuals with disabilities. Although this clinic primarily served developmentally disabled children and adults, the patients included individuals with acquired disabilities, as well. Prior to joining UCP, Linda had successfully created a pediatric seating clinic at a local school for disabled students. Linda has shared her knowledge and experience running seating clinics at local community health events, guest lectures with local physical therapy and occupational therapy university programs, and most recently as a Teacher's Assistant at Touro Physical Therapy program.

Linda is excited to bring her experience providing seating and mobility services to her new role at Sunrise Medical by providing education and training to therapists, ATPs and the community.