

24th

International

Seating

Symposium

March 6-8, 2008

Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina

1601 Bayshore Drive

Vancouver, BC Canada

Pre-Symposium Workshops

Wednesday March 5th, 2008

at various locations

Power Mobility Assessment,
Prescription and Training

Seating System Fabrication

Assistive Technology Review Course

Evidence Based Practice

Manual Wheelchair Configuration, Set-up
and Performance Measurement

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24th International Seating Symposium

General Information

Symposium Objectives

At the completion of this symposium, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the range of seating and mobility techniques available for clients with a variety of disabilities.
2. Discuss the emerging research evidence supporting seating and mobility practices.
3. Locate resources for seating and mobility practice.
4. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of a number of innovative service models and new technologies.

Symposium Description

This international symposium addresses current and future developments in the areas of seating, positioning and mobility. Topic areas include service delivery, product development, research and evaluation. The format for the symposium will include plenary, poster, instructional and paper sessions as well as a large exhibit hall. Extensive opportunities are provided for networking with colleagues.

Location

The Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina
1601 Bayshore Drive (parallel to West Georgia Street) Vancouver, B.C.
Canada V6G 2V4

Hotel Accommodation

Please make your own reservation by calling the Westin directly. Identify yourself with the Seating Symposium. Hotel tax of 10% and 6% GST must be added to all rates. Telephone: toll free anywhere in North America 1-800-937-8461; Local calls 604-682-3377; Fax 604-691-6980.

Rate: CAD \$155 single/double

A block of rooms has been booked and will be held at the conference rate until **February 5th, 2008**.

* We suggest you **book your room NOW** as we anticipate that our room block will fill up quickly.

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Registration

You may register by:

1. online at www.interprofessional.ubc.ca
2. telephone or fax with credit card
3. or by mail with a cheque or credit card.

Please see registration form for details. Pre-registration prior to **February 1st, 2008** is strongly recommended to ensure you receive your course selections. You may register for either the pre-symposium courses and/or single days and/or full program (2½ days).

Registration Fees

See Registration Form for details. All Symposium fees listed are in Canadian dollars (CAD\$) and include 6% GST. The tuition fee includes course materials, refreshment breaks, one lunch and a reception scheduled for

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Registration via the internet

Secure, fast, online registration is available for Visa and Mastercard holders at the conference organizer's website: **www.interprofessional.ubc.ca** Please ensure that you have a copy of the program to assist you in your instructional session selections while online. A registration receipt will be mailed to all registrants regardless of payment method after processing by our office.

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Cancellation

The Division of Interprofessional Continuing Education reserves the right to cancel Pre-Symposium or main Symposium programs. In the event of cancellation, a full refund will be returned. The University of British Columbia is not responsible for any other costs, including but not limited to airline or hotel penalties.

Study Credits and Certificate of Attendance

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued to all participants listing pre-approved continuing education credits. For updates in regards to credits see our website: www.interprofessional.ubc.ca

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Pre-Symposium Workshops

Registration for the Pre-Symposium workshops and the regular Symposium are on one form. Please fill out the registration form on the last page of this brochure and indicate which workshop(s) and instructional sessions you will be attending.

FULL DAY SESSIONS

PS 1: Power Mobility Assessment, Prescription and Training

Roslyn Livingstone Nicole Wilkins Kathie Marina
Limited Enrollment (50)

Full Day Session: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Held at: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina

This power mobility workshop will include a review of evidence followed by assessment, determination of readiness, prescription and training considerations. There will be a particular focus on access methods such as joysticks, switches and head controls. The workshop will be interactive with opportunities for 'hands on' exploration.

(PS1) Cost : \$185 (\$155 if Symposium registrant)

PS 2: Fabrication of Seating Systems

Robert Stickney Gordon Broughton David Cooper
Anna Vouladakis Mark Dilabio
Limited Enrollment (30)

Full Day Session: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Held at: **Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children**

(bus transportation will be provided)

This workshop will demonstrate the variety of techniques we use to position clients. Seating modalities for custom positioning of clients with moderate to complex needs will be covered. We will use foam in box, foam in place, and foam and plywood techniques. Modifications of commercial components to meet the needs of clients and caregivers will be presented. The use of the internet for seating and positioning related information will also be demonstrated.

(PS2) Cost : \$185 (\$155 if Symposium registrant)

PS 3: Assistive Technology Review Course

Mark R. Schmeler Kendra L. Betz Doug Gayton

Full Day Session: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Held at: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina

This one-day course is designed for Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers, Clinicians, and others preparing for the RESNA ATS or ATP Generalist Exams. The course is not specifically intended to prepare for the ATP or ATS exam but rather review content areas of the exam to assist attendees in identifying their strengths and deficits in preparing a plan of study. Materials and resources to study for the exam will also be shared and discussed as well as strategies in test taking.

MORNING SESSION

PS 4: Evidence-Based Practice: Finding, Assessing and Using the Evidence

Teresa E. Plummer Ann Eubank Claire Morress

Manufacturer

Morning Session: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Held at: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina

This introductory course will provide the clinician with the skills necessary to find, assess, and use the best available evidence in assistive technology practice. Participants will formulate a search for available databases, and become acquainted with existing tools for critical appraisal of the evidence. Participants will reflect on the feasibility and value of using this approach in the current clinical environment.

(PS4) Cost : \$110 (\$95 if Symposium registrant)

AFTERNOON SESSION

PS 5: Manual Wheelchair Configuration, Set-up and Performance Measurement

Carmen P Digiovine Theresa Berner Tina Roesler Ian Denison

Manufacturer

Afternoon Session: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Held at: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina

The options available for manual wheelchairs provide the opportunity for unique configurations that meet the functional needs of the individual. However, significant limitations can be created without a proper understanding of the various configurations, and the effect of the configuration. The purpose of this presentation is to: 1) describe the primary options that are available; 2) describe the clinical justification for selecting and configuring; 3) describe the effect of the configurations on the wheelchair characteristics and human performance; and 4) describe methods for characterizing the human / wheelchair performance via quantitative tools and instruments. The workshop will incorporate both a lecture format, and a hands-on component.

(PS5) Cost : \$110 (\$95 if Symposium registrant)

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8:00 **Registration:** Exhibit Hall Open & Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Opening Remarks** **Maureen O'Donnell**

8:40 **Keynote Address** New Technology for Age-old Needs
Geoff Fernie

9:25 **Plenary** Mobility of Older Persons in Residential Care
William Miller

9:50 **Plenary** Aging with a Disability: Update on Current Research and Clinical Practices
Susan Johnson Taylor

10:15 **Plenary** Crainopagus Conjoined Twins - The Journey
Maureen Story, Dave Cooper

10:40 *Refreshment Break & Exhibits*

11:30 Instructional Sessions – Group A (11:30 -12:30)

- A1** Seating and Safety: Transportation Issues
Manufacturer **Delia Freney-Bailey Susan Johnson** **Intermediate**
This presentation will address safety issues in transporting clients with simple to complex needs who are positioned in seating systems in wheelchairs. There will be crash test videos and case studies to illustrate positioning as well as a hands-on opportunity to see a crash tested approved wheelchair.
- A2** Unstable Blood Pressure Control During Sitting and Standing in Patients with Neurodegenerative Disorders
Andrei Krassioukov Victoria Claydon Galina Vorobeychik **Intermediate**
This session will provide an overview of the basic mechanism of cardiovascular response to changes in position of individuals with intact and compromised CNS. The latest advances in assessment of individuals during early mobilization will be discussed. Session will provide input in mechanisms responsible for the orthostatic intolerance during sitting in individuals with MS, SCI and other disorders.
- A3** The Assessment is Done. Where Do I Go From Here?
Stefanie Laurence **Beginner/Intermediate**
The client assessment is done, but how do you translate that information into a functional postural device? There is a multitude of seating products and systems on the market, with more introduced all of the time. With so many options, how do you even narrow down the choices in the prescription process? This session is designed to provide a framework to identify client postural needs, analyze seating products and ultimately match client needs with product options to create a functional prescription.
- A4** Bridging the Gap: Powered Mobility Meets Electronic Aids to Daily Living
Manufacturer **Kevin Cook Marcy Antonio** **Advanced**
To date, Powered Mobility and Electronic Aids to Daily Living have been viewed by many as mutually exclusive considerations when evaluating an individual's needs. Recently, however, leading manufacturers have begun developing technologies that "bridge the gap" between these two areas of specialization. This session deals with the concept of combining powered mobility with assistive technologies designed to enhance an individual's access to their living environment.
- A5** When to Take a Stand for Standing: Factors to Consider When Choosing a Standing Wheelchair
Brenda Canning Deborah L. Pucci **Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced**
Consumers of wheeled mobility now have greater access to information on the products available to them, and more people are expressing an interest in standing wheelchairs. Making a good choice regarding a definitive wheelchair involves understanding the potential benefits, limitations, and drawbacks of the equipment. This presentation will focus on how to complete an assessment that considers a standing wheelchair as an option, funding considerations, and case studies.

12:30 *Lunch & Exhibits (Registrants on their own)*



Simultaneous Paper Sessions: I

(14:00 - 15:15) Each Paper Presentation will be 10 minutes in length with a 5 minute Q & A

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
<p>14:00 Testing Wheelchair Cushions for Heat and Water Vapor Transmission and Interface Temperature Characteristics Allen R Siekman</p>	<p>"The Captain's Chair": a New Point of View to Re-use and Re-adapt a Car Seat like Rehabilitative Equipment Tamara B. Cavallaro, Chiara Bezzi, Laura Magnani</p>	<p>Low-cost, Appropriate Wheelchairs for Challenging Terrain in Developing Nations Joy Wee</p>
<p>14:15 The Use of Contoured vs Flat Cushions in Adaptive Seating for Children with Cerebral Palsy - Development of Measurement Systems and Results Rachael McDonald, Ainslie Jackel</p>	<p>The Randomized Controlled Rocking Chair Trial Kristiina Niemelä, Marju Huuhtanen</p>	<p>Leveraging the Internet to Provide Seating and Mobility Services in Developing Countries Todd Lefkowitz, Brian J. Dudgeon</p>
<p>14:30 Development and Testing of an Innovative User Adjustable Support Surface for Wheelchair Comfort Barbara Crane, Douglas Hobson</p>	<p>Mounting for Mobility Bill Johnson, Anne Marie Renzoni</p>	<p>The Impact of Low-Cost Adaptive Technology in a Colombian Community Marlene Wiens</p>
<p>14:45 Utilizing Smart Technology to Assist in the Monitoring of Air Flootation Cushions Michael Banks, Eva Ma</p>	<p>Safety and Usability Issues of Wheelchair Seated Drivers in Private Vehicles Linda van Roosmalen</p>	<p>Prevalence of Pressure Ulcers in a SCI Population with Private Funding Lori Cockerill, Bev Thompson</p>
<p>15:00 The MAC and MiniMAC - Tools for Customised Seating Design and Production Sue McCabe</p>	<p>The TOTWalker Project: A Journey to the KidWalk Christine A Wright-Ott</p>	<p>Pressure Mapping of 64 Spinal Cord Injured Workers as Part of Wound Prevention Program: Analysis of Findings Jo-Anne Chisholm, Joanne Yip</p>
<p>15:15 Refreshment Break (held in the exhibit hall)</p>		

16:00 Instructional Sessions – Group B (16:00 - 17:00)

- B1** Wound/Pressure Investigation Process
Karen Hardwick **Intermediate**
This presentation discusses skin integrity issues that affect individuals with multiple disabilities. Conditions addressed include pressure wounds, shear, skin approximation, skin tears, maceration, and fungal infection. Investigative methods, evaluative techniques, and seating and positioning solutions are offered. A protocol to assess the cause of skin lesions is discussed to ensure proper solutions are prescribed.
- B2** Aging with a Developmental Disability
Jessica Presperin Pedersen **Jill Sparacio** **Intermediate**
Individuals with developmental disabilities can demonstrate changes in physical or cognitive abilities as they age. Some of these changes can be caused by overuse, while others are organic in nature. This discussion will cover notable aging changes occurring in people having spina bifida, down syndrome, athetoid or spastic cerebral palsy.
- B3** Don't be a Crash Test Dummy!
Manufacturer **Ginny S. Paleg** **Susan Johnson** **Basic**
This session will have an interactive game show format (you will be expected to participate, share, critique, win prizes and giggle) and will facilitate sharing of challenges and solutions for safe transportation of people in wheelchairs. Participants will leave with vivid memories of crash test videos, will want to recommend transit option WC/19 compliant wheelchairs and to make sure their occupants are not relying on positional straps during transportation.
- B4** When To Think About Lateral Tilt and Why
Manufacturer **Stephanie Tanguay** **Bradford Peterson** **Intermediate**
This session will examine the medical, clinical and functional benefits of lateral tilt positioning. Case studies will illustrate the application of this less common but highly effective positioning intervention. While not appropriate for all diagnoses, lateral tilt can improve the quality of life for consumers with diagnosis such as MD, SMA and CP.
- B5** Mobility for Discovery
Christine A Wright-Ott **Basic**
Mobility for Discovery is a multi-sensory approach that encourages young children with physical disabilities to use self-initiated mobility and movement to experience vestibular, proprioceptive and tactile activities to augment development, spatial relations and social interaction. A variety of mobility devices, techniques and ideas for achieving sensory motor experiences will be shared through case studies, slides and videos.

17:00 Reception & Exhibits



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8:00 Registration & Exhibits

8:30 Opening Remarks **Maureen O'Donnell**

8:40 Plenary Multiple Sclerosis - Understanding the Beast Within!
Jean L. Minkel

9:05 Plenary Sleep is Everybody's Business
Sue McCabe

9:30 Plenary Adaptive Seating Interventions for Children and Young People with Severe and Complex Disabilities; Evidence, Research and Proposed Model for Future Research Practice
Rachael McDonald

9:55 Refreshment Break & Exhibits

Simultaneous Paper Sessions: 2 (10:45 - 12:00) Each Paper Presentation will be 10 minutes in length with a 5 minute Q & A

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
10:45	Selecting Activity and Participation Outcome Measures for Wheelchair Users Based on the ICF W. Ben Mortenson	Effects of Dynamic Wheelchair Seating in Children with Cerebral Palsy Michael Hahn	Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Wheelchair Skills Training Program for Children Courtney Hall, Kamila Zloty
11:00	Intrinsic Wheelchair-Skills Learning Induced by Testing: Case Report of a Person with Parkinsonism R. Lee Kirby	Adaptive Seating of the Patient with Spinal Deformity Efrat Shenhod	Use of a Family-Centred Satisfaction Survey to Guide Intervention for Children Accessing a Positioning and Mobility Clinic Les Smith
11:15	Establishing the Responsiveness of the Seated Postural Control Measure (SPCM) Debbie Field, Lori Roxborough	Does Postural Support Influence Ability to Perform Attention Tasks in Children with Cerebral Palsy? David Porter	Relative Contributions and Limitations of Wheelchairs in Supporting Activities and Participation of Persons with Disability Joy Wee
11:30	Reliability of the Wheelchair Outcome Measure in Adults with Developmental Disabilities Natasha White, Jana Good, Debbie Field	The Effects of Powered Wheelchair Use on Young Children's Play and Psychosocial Skills Jan Furumasu	Understanding Wheelchair Use Patterns: Tilt-in-Space Sharon E Sonenblum
11:45	The Segway Personal Transporter for People with Disabilities. Phase II: Meeting Client's Mobility Goals Bonita Sawatzky, Ian Denison	Studying the Effect of Different School Chairs and Desks on the Seated Postures of Children with Cerebral Palsy Karl F. Zabjek	Carer Wheelchair Propulsion: Factors Affecting a Carer's Capacity Catherine S Holloway

12:00 Lunch provided & Poster Session

Poster Presentations

Poster Presenters are available for questions during the poster session on Friday at 12:00 - 13:30. Posters are available for viewing on all three days of the Symposium.

Rocking Chair Exercises as a Training Method for People with Physical Disabilities

Marju Huuhtanen, Kristiina Niemelä

"I Love My New Chair, But How Do I Get Inside My House?"

K. Paul Jensen

The Wheelchair Skills Test (WST): A Pilot Study of Distance Training of Therapist Evaluators

Laura May, Alison Boudreau

Evaluating the Characteristics of a New Wheelchair's Adjustable Back Support

Shigeo Nishimura, Tatsuo Hatta

"Parents' Perception of Wheelchair Selection": A Qualitative Research Study

Teresa E. Plummer

Characteristics of the Seating Buggy's Seating Surface Developed for Severely Disabled People

Tatsuo Hatta, Shigeo Nishimura

An Early Intervention Approach with Asymmetry in Spinal Cord Injured Patients

Bodil Hinrichs, Sabine Biedermann

Outcomes of an Expert vs Usual Care Intervention for Manual Wheelchairs

Frances Harris

Telerehabilitation and Service Delivery: A Tool for Clinicians

Linda van Roosmalen, Mike Pramuka

Body Weight Support Gait Therapy and Functional Electrical Stimulation for a Toddler with T12 Spina Bifida

Ginny S. Paleg

Grabbing the Bull by the Horns - Positive Outcomes of a Product Recall

Elaine Murray, John Tiernan

Developmental Level and Pre-requisite Skills Required for Successful Switching and Scanning to Effectively Access Assistive Technology

Rachael McDonald

Measurement of the User's Load on the PSDs for a Long Period of Time

Hideyuki Hirose, Takanori Aikawa, Kazuma Nakai

The Use of Botulinum Toxin Type A (Botox®) to Facilitate Seating in Patients with Neurological Disorders

Noorshina Virani, Linda Jablonski

Wheelchair Participation in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury

Paula Rushton

Reliability for Adult and Pediatric Wheelchair Users in a Rehabilitation Setting

Laura May, Alison Boudreau



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13:30 Instructional Sessions – Group C (13:30-14:30)

- C1** Meeting the Challenge: Trying to Meet the Needs of the Person with MS
Jean L. Minkel **Intermediate**
Meeting the needs of the person with Multiple Sclerosis presents multiple challenges. The disease is progressive, but rate and frequency of change is highly variable and very difficult to predict. In addition a frequently encountered secondary complication of the disease is fatigue. Fatigue can have a dramatic impact on the person's daily mobility. This session will explore options to refine our abilities to anticipate change in function and offer some strategies to meet a person's daily mobility needs.
- C2** Vision and Perception Related to Independent Mobility
Manufacturer Teresa Plummer Ann Eubank Kevin Phillips **Intermediate**
This course is designed to acquaint the audience to the visual, cognitive and perceptual characteristics for independent mobility along with the developmental training steps to allow more clients to be successful with independent mobility. Using case studies and lecture, this course will review visual and perceptual development as it relates to independent mobility.
- C3** What In the World Are We Doing About Sleep?
Sue McCabe **Intermediate**
This instructional session will be an opportunity to share information about clinical, equipment and research developments in the area of sleep for people with disabilities. As well as current research and practice in the area of postural support during sleep, a multidisciplinary, holistic view of sleep management will be explored.
- C4** The Science of Interface Pressure Mapping - Updates for Clinical Application
Kim Davis Stephen Sprigle **Advanced**
Technological improvements of interface pressure mapping systems have made steady advances across manufacturers. Likewise, progress has been made in the scientific study of the clinical application of pressure mapping. This course will focus on the science behind pressure mapping and recent research findings which influence clinical interpretation of the map.
- C5** The Evidence Basis of Passive Standing Programs: Prelude to a RESNA Position Paper
Ginny S. Paleg **Beginner**
Many therapists recommend passive standing programs, yet do not know the evidence behind this practice. Once you know the expected outcomes, you can design the optimal intervention for your patient. This course will review evidence, practice patterns, types of equipment, what to include in the LMN and report on the progress towards the RESNA Position paper on passive standing.

14:30 Ten minutes allocated for Room Change

14:40 Instructional Sessions – Group D (14:40-15:40)

- D1** Customizing Seating and Positioning for the Aging Population: Assisting in Restraint Reduction
Sheila Buck **Intermediate**
During this session, we will review how specific shape contours, from simple to complex can prevent friction and shearing from occurring with downward migration of the client in their modular seating system. We will also consider how customized seating can assist with restraint reduction through enhanced postural support with ultimate increase in functional activity.
- D2** Wheelchair Transportation Safety: Principles, Standards and Practice
Douglas Hobson Linda vanRoosmalen **Intermediate**
This session will provide an overview of the principles of wheelchair transportation safety upon which current industry standards are based. Practical examples will be presented for clinical problem solving, important for both beginner and intermediate level participants. Open discussion will be encouraged.
- D3** Power Wheelchair System Customization
Manufacturer Jacqueline Macauley **Intermediate**
Why System Customization? Can one standardized electronics package serve all? What functionality do our clients require as a medical necessity? Are we or should we be obligated to provide more? This presentation will discuss options available for custom tailoring a power wheelchair system to optimize functional performance and independence.
- D4** Beyond the Owner's Manual: Essential Education & Training for Manual Wheelchair Users
Kendra L. Betz **Intermediate**
Manual wheelchair users require comprehensive education and training that is directly and indirectly related to actual wheelchair use. This session supports rehabilitation professionals to understand and provide comprehensive client support for maximized independence, safety, and improved quality of life. Guidance will be offered for practical education methods and training techniques.
- D5** Positioning Needs for Early Intervention
Delia L. Freney-Bailey **Intermediate**
This presentation takes a clinical look at seating and mobility for the birth to 3 year old population. Many babies identified with neurological and orthopedic diagnoses have seating challenges. The focus is the application of positioning devices with clinical case studies to discuss the problems this young population faces.

15:40 Refreshment Break & Exhibits

16:30 Plenary Session To Push or Not to Push: An Interactive Discussion on Manual vs. Powered Mobility
Kendra Betz, Mark Schmeler, Consumer Panel



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8:30 Registration

9:00 1/2 hr Instructional Sessions – Group E (9:00 - 9:30)

- E1** How Effective is your Seating Prescription? Using Case Histories to Generate Evidence
Manufacturer Clare Wright Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced
This instructional session will show how developing simple case histories can generate evidence about the effectiveness of children's seating systems, and hence clinical prescription. Participants will be provided with an immediately applicable tool to clarify and systematically document their critical thinking in relation to the product they have prescribed.
- E2** State of the Literature on Power Seating Functions: What is the Scientific Evidence?
Brad E Dicianno Mark Schmeler Jenny Lieberman Intermediate
We will summarize the most current RESNA Position Papers, giving the state of the science on tilt, recline, lateral/rotational tilt, elevating legrests, power standing, and power seat elevation.
- E3** Preparing Letters of Medical Justification - Are We the Best We Can Be - Can We do Better?
Manufacturer Sharon Pratt Beginner
It appears that as funding changes, product changes and the role of the clinician becomes more critical in the world of getting necessary equipment for our clients - One thing is obvious. We must improve our skills in the area of justification and documentation with no extra time! This interactive session will review key components that we should all consider that will support the need for wheelchairs and seating systems through third party insurers. Some key principles will be reviewed and examples of some poor letters of justification will be shared. Audience participants will be invited to make corrections and leave the room with immediately applicable letter writing and justification skills.
- E4** The Propelling Technique's Impact on Positioning for Elderly Wheelchair Clients
Manufacturer Maria Amnell Intermediate
The goals with any wheelchair assessment should be comfort and function. Comfort is provided through a stable and balanced position with a satisfying pressure distribution. But comfort is never constant. Time and variation have to be considered, as well as the client's ability to be mobile in a functional and ergonomically correct way. As soon as the client starts to move the arms and/or legs to propel, something will happen with the positioning. Who is responsible if the client develops secondary injuries due to not being able to propel correctly? Just as a client with a leg amputation will train walking technique when he/she has received the prosthesis, the wheelchair client will also need propelling training. In this presentation I will talk about the basic features to consider for a correctly adjusted wheelchair and how to train the propelling technique.

9:30 Five minutes allocated for Room Change

9:35 1/2 hr Instructional Sessions – Group F (9:35 - 10:05)

- F1** Writing Effective Justification Letters – A Common Sense Approach
Les Smith Beginner/Intermediate
This instructional session will employ a common-sense approach to writing justification letters. Examples of sound and poor justification letters will be presented. Participants will learn how to use guidelines, knowledge of the clients, clients' goals and common-sense when justifying medical equipment to a funding source.
- F2** A Case Study of Dakotah: Dramatic Difference Between Seating and Positioning in an Everyday Wheelchair vs. a Sports Wheelchair
Mary Beth Kinney Kay Koch Intermediate
Dakotah, a college student and athlete, has not let a muscle disease interfere with her ability to lead a full life. Her seating and positioning needs change throughout the day and dramatically change for sports. Balancing her positioning needs through trials and the solutions selected will be discussed.
- F3** Understanding Home Care and Therapeutic Mattresses (Support Surfaces)
Allen Siekman Beginner
Homecare and therapeutic mattresses help provide improved patient care. This session will examine material and construction technologies commonly used in the construction of common support surfaces. The proposed new testing protocols that are being established as part of international standards work for support surfaces will be outlined.
- F4** Selecting the Appropriate Seat Cushion - Is it Really that Much of a Challenge?
Manufacturer Sharon Pratt Beginner
We've done the hands on evaluation. Collected the facts. We know the goals - Have heard the science - Now what?
This session will take participants through the critical steps of cushion selection. We will take into consideration the science of materials, body shapes and sizes. There will be opportunity to use practically and interpret clinical concepts such as immersion, envelopment and magnitude of pressure. Pressure mapping, product and case examples will be used to demonstrate the value of this information to everyday clinical decision-making. A cushion will never be a simple cushion again following participation in this session!
- F5** Meaningful Modifications
Rick Escobar Beginner
Some things just don't work or fit without a change. If you can't find it, either "make it" or "modify it". Modifications to wheelchairs, bikes, trikes, scooters, walkers, toys, trays, lifts, exercise equipment and more... with the "how to" and "where to" information through photos and handouts.



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10:05 Five minutes allocated for Room Change

10:10 Instructional Sessions – Group G (10:10 - 11:10)

G1 To Seat or Not to Seat? That is the Dilemma
Manufacturer **David S. Pickett**

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The decision of whether to do aggressive positioning in a patient's wheelchair or to allow the patient more freedom for movement and function without positioning is a constant dilemma. Aggressive seating may be best for your client orthopedically but at what cost? Freedom? Function? A better understanding of both sides of the debate may help the clinician be better prepared to make this difficult decision.

G2 Custom Seating Fabrication Controls & Techniques - Assuring Successful Outcomes Before You Build
Manufacturer **Richard Pasillas**

Advanced

Custom seating design should harmonize with trusted principles that define best practice, regardless of hand or locale. This instructional course reveals several quality assurance techniques for capturing and aligning a plaster body mold then presents consistent methods for delineating the shape and function of a seat cushion prior to fabrication.

G3 The Development of International Standards and Testing Methodologies for Support Surfaces
Allen Siekman

Intermediate

In an international effort, researchers, manufacturers, clinicians and consumers are currently working together to develop international standards for support surfaces. Tests are being developed to measure the ability of a support surface to distribute pressure, control heat and moisture, and control shear force transmitted to the user.

G4 Linking Patient Coverage Criteria with Clinical Justifications for Seating, Power and Manual Mobility
Elizabeth Cole

Intermediate

New Medicare coverage policies for seating and mobility products require specific patient criteria, including specific disability categories, diagnoses or functional capabilities. How do we keep this all straight? And how do we justify these components to provide the most appropriate systems? This session will provide a link between the most current coverage criteria and the appropriate clinical justifications and use for specific seating and mobility products and components.

11:10 Refreshment Break

11:30 **Plenary** Darius Goes West: Working as a Team to Provide a One of a Kind Wheelchair
Kay Koch

11:50 **Plenary** Attitude is Everything

Kelly Smith

12:15 **Closing Remarks & Evaluation**

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14:30 **RESNA exams**

RESNA Certification Required in US for Power Wheelchair Evaluations Beginning in 2008

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the U.S. will require RESNA certification for the evaluation and provision of power wheelchairs beginning in April 2008. RESNA certification will be required of those doing the patient evaluation, as well as the supplier involved in providing the equipment. More details from the regulation can be found on the RESNA website (www.RESNA.org). There are three RESNA certification programs: Assistive Technology Practitioner (ATP), Assistive Technology Supplier (ATS), and Rehabilitation Engineering Technologist (RET). RESNA will administer the certification exams on March 8 at 2:30 pm. **Advance qualification and application is required by January 25, 2008.** Requirements and fees can be found on the RESNA website. Information is also available via fax or mail by calling (703) 524-6686.

14:00 **ISO Working Group Meeting, Wheelchair Seating Standards, (from Saturday at 14:00 - Monday Noon)**



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