



THE CASE FOR WHEELS: Selecting the Clinically Appropriate Base

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Individuals with chronic medical conditions and long-term disabilities who have a permanent need for a wheelchair require a comprehensive, detailed evaluation of their physical, functional and environmental needs to allow clinicians and ATP suppliers to make appropriate assistive technology recommendations for a successful outcome.

There are many factors to consider when making the selection of the appropriate power wheelchair base with an end user. Providers and clinicians need a hands-on awareness of the interaction of all of these factors, and more importantly, how they will come together to either enhance, or diminish the effectiveness of the PMD for their patient.

This course will provide information about each drive wheel configuration and things that clinicians and suppliers need to think about. Participants will then enter the expo hall to experience driving different drive wheel configurations and then regroup to discuss their findings and how the different drive wheel configurations affected the wheelchairs driving in different environmental conditions (indoors, outdoors, etc.).



LOCATION

NRG CENTER, Hall E
1 NRG Park, Houston, TX 77054
Room 108 (first floor, near entrance)

TARGET AUDIENCE

Licensed/Certified Medical Professional (i.e. PT, OT, Physician, Nurse),
Rehab Professional (ATP, SMS, CRTS)

PREREQUISITES

The participants should have some experience with power wheelchairs.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the course, you will be able to:

- Describe two advantages of each of the three main power wheelchair configurations and how they impact indoor driving and maneuverability.
- Distinguish the benefits each drive wheel configuration offers and how each will impact outdoor driving and maneuverability.
- Compare how different manufacturers' tracking technology and suspension impact the performance of the wheelchair for certain consumers.

COURSE LEVEL

Intermediate Instructional Methods:

- Lecture with PowerPoint
- Videos of indoor driving
- Hands-on with different power chairs

AOTA CLASSIFICATION CODE

Domain of OT: Client Factors



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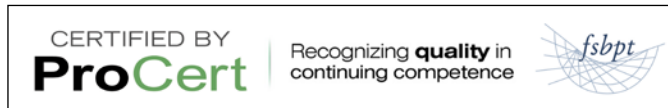
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