THE HIERARCHY OF SEATING PRODUCT SELECTION
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Seating options for wheeled mobility are too numerous to count and every year, new products and items become available. Selecting the "correct" intervention is not always easy. Different approaches may be successful using a variety of products. There are some criteria which can be utilized to select or rule out a type of seat cushion or back support. This session will clearly define out-of-the-box, custom modular and custom molded seating and discuss some applications and parameters for each type of product.

Generally speaking, seat and back supports can be divided into three types; out-of-the-box (pre-fabricated, size specific with limited possibilities for modifications or alterations), custom modular (highly configurable, individually designed) or custom molded (captured shape, body specific). Product determination across this spectrum is frequently unspecific. This course is designed for beginner &intermediate clinicians and providers to understand the hierarchy of seating products.

Learning Objectives

1. After attending this session, attendees will be able to list 3 or more benefits/applications of 'out of the box' pre-fabricated seating.
2. Upon completion of this session, attendees will be able to describe at least 3 benefits/applications of custom modular seating.
3. List 3 or more benefits of molded or 'captured shape' seating components.

Speaker Bio

Stephanie Tanguay began her career as an Occupational Therapist with a decade of experience in spinal cord injury and seating &mobility. She also worked as a Rehab Technology Supplier for seven years. She has presented on numerous occasions at the International Seating Symposium, RESNA, the Canadian Seating &Mobility Conference, the European Seating Symposium and throughout the U.S. and Canada. Since 2006 Stephanie has been the Clinical Education Specialist for Motion Concepts, a manufacturer of power seating systems and seat surface and back support products.