

Working Solutions

Monday Stream B

Session 1
1145 –1230

Wealdon Rehab

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More than a chair

This Practical and Theory session is aimed at Adult Care in an Acute and Community Setting at Novice and Experienced Trainers and Strategic Advisors

Biography :

Matthew Anderson: Has been a product advisor for Wealden Rehab Ltd since 2006, working with Occupational Therapists providing complex seating assessments for comfort and shower seating. With a good grasp of the anatomy and postural management requirements, development of products in the market are a key part to Matthew's ongoing work.

Charlotte Monro: is an Occupational Therapist who in 1995 set up the moving and handling service in her hospital. She led projects providing specialist seating in the hospital, a focus of her research for her MSc in Health Ergonomics.

Abstract :

"The Medica is a Hospital and ward chair which has been born from listening to our clients – a mobile chair that will support the broadest range of clients comfortably." The Medica Chair is newly launched after trial and development with therapy staff in two hospitals. This compact and manoeuvrable bed side chair uniquely combines supportive sitting for patients with functions that assist in therapy activities and mobilisation. The contribution specialist seating of this nature can make to both patient care and reducing manual handling demands on staff, has not yet gained the wide recognition it deserves. But therapy and nursing staff who have used such seating are passionate about its benefits. So much so that when the Flotech Adjuster chair they had been using went out of production they searched for a company that would re-invent it. Wealden Rehab and Cura Seating took up the challenge and working closely with the staff in stroke units in Colchester Hospital and Liverpool Hospitals developed the Medica chair incorporating design improvements requested by staff. A good example of clinical and industry collaboration to find working solutions! The workshop will include presentations on the development of the chair and its use, research on the experience of therapy and nursing staff on a stroke unit in using the Flotech Adjuster, and a practical session using the chair and evaluating its features.

Objectives :

- Gain insight into how this chair can:
- Reduce manual handling demands on staff
- Facilitate earlier sitting out and mobilisation for patients
- Be used as a rehabilitation equipment
- The benefits of design through collaboration between clinical staff and manufacturer
- Experience and evaluate the features of the chair and its adjustments for sit to stand and sitting transfers