



Course Outline:

Bariatric Wheelchair Seating

Introduction to Bariatric Appropriateness and Products

Presented by:

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Summary:

This course will highlight the aspects that encompass bariatric cases, address pressure care and clinical appropriateness in this field. Identifying clinically correct solutions as well diving into clinical reasoning specific to bariatric cases. Bariatric product available, their limitations and how the adjustability can be used to achieve clinically appropriate seating goals.

Objectives:

- Outlining bariatric cases
- Bariatric product, clinical appropriateness and holistic assessment
- Pressure care in bariatrics
- Patient focused approach
- Ethical responsibility of health care practitioner

Skeleton:

- Defining bariatric – weight vs width
- Performance components and co-morbidities: assessment
- Bariatric Product – Limitations, adjustability and compatibility
- The clinically appropriate and patient focused approach
- Ethical stand point – wheelchair width vs accessibility
- Case studies

Ethics:

- Health professionals' responsibility with including the patient in decision making and education.
- Ethical implications with incorrect wheelchair and cushion prescription to promote accessibility and conserving funds.

