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Engaging Support Personnel in Your Seating and Mobility Practice

**A Webinar
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The role of the support personnel in the area of seating and mobility appears to vary depending on the place of employment. With accreditation of OTA/PTA college programs across the country, entry level skill sets, including educational hours provided in the college programs, have become more consistent. Assignment of OT intervention is guided by CAOT's Practice Profile for use of Support Personnel (2009) and, in Ontario, the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario's Standard for supervision of Support Personnel.

This webinar will share data collected about OTA/PTA programs across the province reflecting on hours of education, expertise of the educator and hands on opportunities provided to the students in this area of practice. This data will provide

therapists with knowledge of a baseline skill set that all graduating OTA/PTA's should be able to demonstrate in the area of seating and mobility.

This webinar will also view current practice and how support personnel are being used in the field of seating and mobility. A comparison of graduating skill sets and current practice will be presented with suggested models of practice to enhance patient care in the area of seating and mobility.

Join Tricia Illman as she engages participants in:

- Defining "Support Personnel"
- Review of education that the OTA/PTA brings to the area of seating and mobility
 - Accreditation process
 - Survey results of College OTA/PTA Diploma programs
- Review of current practice models for the use of support personnel in the area of seating and mobility
- Highlight potential models of practice to enhance patient care and outcomes by engaging the use of support personnel in this area of practice

Target Audience:

- Occupational therapists
- OTA and PTAs
- Applicable to any experience level

About our Presenter:

Tricia Illman is an occupational therapist practising in the Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) Adult Wheelchair and Seating Clinic. Tricia has provided seating and mobility solutions for nearly 24 years to clients with complex postural and mobility needs. Additional clinical experiences include practice as a member of the Comprehensive Spasticity Management Clinic at HHS, SCI/ABI rehabilitation and complex continuing care. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Tricia also provides education to the OT students at McMaster University and holds a part time faculty position at Mohawk College in the OTA/PTA Diploma Program.

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