Wheelchair seating for the client with complex needs

**Wheelchair Prescription Full day Workshop**

Chris Blackburn & Yvonne Duncan are experienced therapists with a long history in the management of clients with complex needs. We know that getting the appropriate equipment at the outset is our goal for people with disability.

We are keen to provide evidenced based training for therapists, both O.T.’s and P.T.’s working in the community, in the assessment and evaluation of the clinical needs of these clients. Specifically, clients living at home or in the community (e.g. CRU’s) who require a new wheelchair or modifications to existing seating. This education is provided at a venue through your local health network.

**Learning Outcomes:**

* Be able to apply the ICF model to wheelchair prescription
* Identify the principles of good prescription
* Understand the medical implications of
  + - spasticity and hip dysplasia
    - accommodate pelvic and spinal deformity
* To apply the MAT evaluation when prescribing a wheelchair
* To demonstrate the ability to take accurate measurements for wheelchair selection
* Anticipate when and where to seek advice and assistance and discern the most appropriate course of action
* Justify selection of wheelchairs and features to meet situational needs
* Plan to increase knowledge of available assistive technology, assess the features required for an individual
* Evaluate client satisfaction through the use of standardised outcomes measures

We provide limited pre-reading, and on the day extensive take home assessment forms and background information for extending your skills in the area of wheelchair prescription. We also take time to examine 1-2 clients, with complex prescription needs, on the day of the workshop, to reinforce the information learnt earlier in the session. This course is fully accredited by SWEP (12 SWEP CPD points) and provides a certificate for 7 CPD towards your yearly AHPRA total.

Yvonne Duncan and Chris Blackburn

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