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Session Title: Power Seating Functions: Clinical Indicators for Each
Abstract/Description of Session: Tilt and recline power seating systems are often prescribed as a means of repositioning consumers for pressure relief. While there are conflicting opinions about the range of tilt or recline required to maintain skin integrity as well as the frequency with which pressure relief should be preformed, there are many other reasons to use power positioning systems. Assistive positioning for transfers, for some self-care activities, respiration and postural and/or stability needs are just several examples. There are also contraindications for these systems. This presentation will explore the clinical indicators for the use of tilt, recline, power elevating legrests and standing wheelchairs as well as the contraindications for these systems.
Learning Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The participant will be able to list clinical advantages and disadvantages of power tilt, recline and tilt/recline systems.2. The participant will be able to list clinical advantages and disadvantages of power elevating legrests.3. The participant will be able to list clinical advantages and disadvantages of power standers.
Speaker Qualifications (brief bio): Stephanie Tanguay worked as an Occupational Therapist for thirteen years with a focus on spinal cord injury and seating & mobility. In addition, she worked as a Rehab Technology Supplier for seven years. She has presented on numerous occasions at the International Seating Symposium, RESNA and the Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference 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.