



Pediatric Power Mobility

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This half day course will explore power mobility for children, including very young children, in a fast paced and interactive format. Children are typically very mobile. Mobility serves as means to get from one location to another, as with adults. Yet for children, mobility also serves other purposes such as exploration, play, sensory input and learning. Research has demonstrated that children as young as 18 months can operate a power wheelchair. Research also indicates that independent mobility is critical to the development of visual perceptual skills, early learning concepts and developing a sense of independence. This course will explore these issues in depth, as well as cover assessment to determine if a child is an appropriate candidate for a power wheelchair, how the child will access or operate that wheelchair, choosing the best power wheelchair base for a child and mobility training to optimize driving efficiency, independence and safety.

Michelle is an occupational therapist with 25 years of experience and former Clinical Director of The Assistive Technology Clinics of The Children’s Hospital of Denver. She is a well-respected lecturer, both nationally and internationally and has authored 7 book chapters and over 100 articles. She is the editor of Fundamentals in Assistive Technology, 4th ed. Michelle is on the teaching faculty of RESNA and the University of Pittsburgh. She is on the RERC on Wheeled Mobility Advisory Board. Michelle is a credentialed ATP, credentialed SMS and is a Senior Disability Analyst of the ABDA.

<i>Timeline:</i>			
Introduction and Importance of Mobility	30 minutes	Assessment and Bases	30 minutes
Proportional Access Methods	30 minutes	Digital Access Methods	60 minutes
Hands-on Time	60 minutes	Mobility Training	30 minutes

4 contact hours, 0.4 CEUs

Who Should Attend? Occupational and Physical Therapists

When and Where:

October 24th: Santa Clara CCS 8:00am – Noon
780 Thorton Way, San Jose, CA 95128

October 25th: Salinas CCS 8:00am – Noon
2100A McKinnon Street, Salinas, CA 93906



Registration:

Go to www.ATGRehab.com and choose Education, In Person Seminars and click Register for Course.

Fee: \$20 for CCS staff, \$60 for other participants

Questions?

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