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The Prairie Seating Workshop and Trade Show began in 2004 with a vision to advance knowledge and best practices in seating and mobility through education, shared learning and professional development in Manitoba. This year's workshop will mark the 12th event hosted by Therapy First!

We would be honored to have you join us this year for exciting learning, networking and product exploration. We are fortunate to have the sponsorship of many local vendors and manufacturers from all over Canada join us to showcase their services and both classic products and the latest and most innovative complex rehab technology on the market. We hope that you enjoy the unopposed time that you will experience in the exhibit hall. Back by popular demand is the exhibitor sponsored wine and cheese that will follow the sessions on Tuesday April 14 and will allow you the opportunity for further networking with exhibitors and other registrants.

Our speakers for this year's event are:

- Jennifer Birt
- Petra Conaway
- Tanya Falkenberg
- Brenlee Mogul-Rotman
- Linda Norton
- Jessica Presperin Pedersen
- Bill Randall
- Stephanie Tanguay

Prairie Seating Event Organizer and Host – Corinna Klassen

**We would like to acknowledge and thank the following companies for sponsoring these wonderful speakers for this year's event:**



## WORKSHOP SESSIONS DAY 1: TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2026

**These are concurrent sessions. Please register for one topic per time slot and note these sessions on the registration form. Please note that A1 is a two part session that extends over two time slots.**

### **A1 The Assessment Process for Wheeled Mobility and Seating**

1. Participants will identify 3 measurements used to match equipment recommendation
2. Participants will identify 2 angular measurements used to match equipment recommendation
3. Participants will define the term reducible as it relates to posture
4. Participants will identify 3 skeletal observations related to sitting upright
5. Participants will identify 2 motor related activities of daily living

This course reviews the assessment process for individuals requiring a wheelchair or seating. It incorporates medical history, home environment, transportation, home environment, MRADLs, physical and functional abilities, skin integrity, sensation, strength, ROM, balance, neurological status, posture in sitting, transfers, ambulation, wheelchair skills, and measurements. Each step of the process will be reviewed providing information to match findings with equipment recommendation.

*Presented by Jessica Presperin Pedersen*

### **A2 Facing Forward - What's up with Head and Neck Support**

Many consumers who utilize wheeled mobility require a head support as part of their seating system. A headrest may be utilized as a support for periods of rest or in alternative positions such as when the consumer is tilted or reclined. A headrest may also be an integral part of a power wheelchair with aspects of the drive controls embedded in or attached to the head support. In some instances, a headrest may be used as a component of safety during transportation in a motorized vehicle.

This course will review the geometry of the human skull and its' range of movement and the influence of seated posture on head orientation. A review of reflexive and tonal postures will be included. The impact of these factors on head support will be presented along with an overview of various products.

*Presented by Stephanie Tanguay*





### **A3 Soap Box Discussion of Geriatric Mobility Needs**

Older adults present with highly variable mobility needs influenced by aging-related changes, chronic conditions, endurance limitations, and environmental demands. Despite this complexity, mobility solutions are often selected based on habit, availability, or assumptions about functional ability rather than individualized clinical reasoning.

This soap box–style discussion invites participants to critically examine common approaches to geriatric mobility and wheelchair prescription, with a particular focus on lightweight adjustable and self-propelled wheelchairs. Through open dialogue and practical examples, the session will explore how thoughtful wheelchair selection can support independence, efficiency, safety, and participation in daily activities for older adults.

*Presented by Tanya Falkenberg*

### **B1 Custom and Customisable Seating for Changing Bodies**

Custom-configured seating may be perceived by some as a challenging puzzle. With all the possible configurations and myriad shapes, components, and materials to select from or define, how does one determine what to do? Understanding the clinical decision-making as well as the purposes and capabilities of this seating technology can profoundly influence successful outcomes. It can be a challenge to get it right, but it is called complex rehab, after all.

Whether air cell or fluid and foam hybrid cushion designs, there are also boxed seating options which can be custom fit to the rider in the field, a simpler solution to the custom configured options. These options allow you to precisely adjust an “off the shelf” product to the user at the time of deliver. While not at fully configured as custom, you can get a similar outcome in terms of optimised fit.

In this presentation, we will briefly review the relevant components of a postural assessment. We will then discuss how to translate the findings from that assessment to specify and design the custom-configured seating system. Considerations will include providing an understanding of the variety of custom modifications, planning for growth or other changes, and ensuring an appropriate integration with a mobility base. We will also look at some of the field customisable solutions available to you in the market.

*Presented by Bill Randall*





## **B2 Matching Clinical Findings to Determine the Optimal Shower Commode Chair**

Often shower commode chairs are perceived as an off the shelf, one-size-fits-all device. The focus of goals tends to be placed on the clients' main mobility device and the same detail and attention is often not focused onto the mobile shower commode chair. Many clinicians have not had the exposure and understanding of the complexities that can go into mobile shower commode chairs due to the wide variances in the industry. However, this device can be an integral part of a persons' daily routine and overall health, specifically in their bowel/bladder routines, hygiene, and in reducing falls or injury. On the contrary, with a device that has not been customized to the clients' needs or measured to fit properly, there can be negative consequences including pressure injuries, decreased independence, and non-optimal bowel/bladder routines. In this course we will look at the person as a whole and identify key areas where customizing a mobile shower commode chair can maximize client outcomes, including maintaining skin integrity and reinforcing appropriate positioning. This will include identifying key anatomical landmarks and taking accurate measurements of the client, as well as identifying the ideal features required to optimize function for the client and/or caregiver within their specific environment.

*Presented by Petra Conaway*

## **B3 Clinical Implications for Power Wheelchair Provision: From Assessment to Functional Mobility**

This workshop is designed to deepen clinical reasoning and practical skills in power wheelchair provision. The session will explore how to recommend a power wheelchair system to align with a client's medical status, posture, functional needs, and environmental demands.

Through discussion of programming options, power seat functions (PSFs), base configuration, posture, and power mobility skill development, participants will examine how each of these elements contributes to safe, efficient, and meaningful power mobility. Case examples, research-informed clinical applications, and group discussion will be used to highlight the importance of individualized assessment, goal setting, and ongoing training throughout the power wheelchair provision process. By the end of the workshop, participants will be better equipped to translate technical configuration and programming decisions into everyday functional gains for their clients.

### **Objectives:**

1. Describe key performance differences among mid-wheel, front-wheel, and rear-wheel drive power wheelchair bases as they relate to maneuverability, environmental negotiation, and power mobility skills training.
2. Identify at least three ways that power seat functions (PSFs) can be used to optimize positioning, support functional task performance, and improve environmental access in daily activities.
3. Identify at least two programmable that can be adjusted to individualize a power wheelchair and explain how these adjustments can promote both function and safety for the user.

*Presented by Brenlee Mogul-Rotman*



## **B4 Pathways to Independence: Innovations in Pediatric Positioning and Mobility**

### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Participants will identify 2 key stages of development that correlate to using a gait trainer
2. Participants will identify 2 benefits of supported standing
3. Evaluate 2 applications of using a posterior gait trainer
4. Provide 2 equipment solutions to help facilitate activity participation in children

This course will be a recap of the use of positioning and mobility equipment and its critical role in a child's brain and musculoskeletal growth. The physical, physiological, and psychological benefits of providing the opportunity for mobility equipment and self-initiated movement through positioning and gait training will be discussed. Participants will explore the evidence on standers and trainers, evaluate the pros and cons of various styles, and learn about the innovative features and components of positioning and mobility equipment. These tools can significantly enhance child exploration, interaction, and participation. Real-world case studies will illustrate the practical application of clinical theories using positioning and mobility equipment.

*Presented by Jessica Presperin Pedersen*

## **C1 Navigating Life: Strategies for Bariatric Wheelchair Users**

Bariatrics refers to the science and clinical practice of providing healthcare to individuals who are severely obese. The term comes from the Greek word baros (weight) and is often used interchangeably with obesity in medical contexts, though it is important to understand both the distinctions and the overlap between these concepts. This client group, regardless of terminology, presents unique and often complex challenges for clinicians, suppliers, and caregivers.

Bariatric clients may experience multiple intersecting issues: secondary health conditions, stigma and bias, difficulty accessing environments and services, and limited availability of appropriate equipment. Even when suitable equipment exists, accurate assessment, measurement, trial, and configuration can be significantly more complex than for standard sizes.

This session will provide an overview of bariatric care with a focus on seating, mobility, beds, and support surfaces. We will explore common challenges including skin integrity, posture, stability, transfers, and functional performance, as well as environmental and psychosocial factors. Clinical reasoning will be linked to product features and configuration strategies that can enhance independence, participation, and quality of life for bariatric wheelchair users.

### **Objectives:**

1. Describe the unique bariatric medical and physical differences that require additional considerations for equipment selection.
2. Identify an individual's needs/goals and apply to the selection and configuration specifications of a bariatric wheeled mobility base.
3. Identify an individual's needs/goals and apply to the selection and configuration specifications of bariatric seating and positioning components

*Presented by Brenlee Mogul-Rotman*



## **C2 Manual Tilt-in-Space Wheelchairs Across Changing Clinical Trajectories**

Individuals with neurologic and neuromuscular conditions often experience changing mobility, postural, and endurance needs over time. Wheelchair prescription frequently focuses on current function, yet fails to anticipate progression and the resulting impact on independence and participation.

This session examines the role of manual tilt-in-space wheelchairs in supporting clients across evolving clinical trajectories, particularly those with neuromuscular and acquired neurologic conditions. The discussion will highlight evidence supporting the use of tilt for pressure management, postural support, fatigue reduction, and task-specific positioning, as well as its influence on functional performance and skin integrity.

Participants will explore how thoughtful use of manual tilt can help balance adaptability, independent mobility, and long-term equipment use as client needs change over time.

*Presented by Tanya Falkenberg*

## **C3 Beyond the Base: The Seating Professional's Responsibility of Educating on Manual Wheelchair Components**

Components, often referred to as accessories, can fall into the background of the decision-making process, particularly because of challenges negotiating funding and reimbursement. The word accessory may lead someone to believe these are for a certain aesthetic or style. However, accessories are necessities of the whole system to complete the configuration. It is the responsibility of the seating professionals to educate clients and caregivers on the benefits, advantages, and disadvantages of each selected component, allowing them to understand how each may contribute to overall function and satisfaction. In this course, we will prioritize not only knowing your market but also understanding what equipment is best for the client, regardless of reimbursement, funding program, or medical policies. We will discuss rear wheels, tire type, handrim style & caster type, using an evidence-based approach to guide our decision making and education.

*Presented by Petra Conaway*





## C4 Prescriptive Planning – Turning Chaos Into (an) Order

Every wheelchair fitting starts with a good assessment, from client history to equipment trials, to careful measurements (and let's not forget to get the rider's and caregivers' thoughts on what matters to them). Once we have funding, we do our delivery and fitting, and we're done with that rider for the next 5 years, right? We know that's not the case at all. Riders change. Whether it's growth, weight changes, changes in the rider's condition, or evolution of wheelchair skills, riders change. Can the chair you prescribed change with them?

In this session, we are going to look at a variety of the decisions that you often face when configuring a chair and help navigate some of options that will allow you to build future adjustments into the chair. We will discuss some of the more critical adjustments to consider, and what their impact can be on present and future performance. Using our Catalyst and Rogue2 wheelchairs, we will also discuss some of the set-up factors you need to consider when fitting and adjusting your chair and we will offer some tips on how to avoid some of the mistakes that can rob a chair of its efficiency and performance.

*Presented by Bill Randall*

## D1 Hidden Risks, Better Protection: Pressure Injury Guideline Update Overview

Pressure injury guidelines are changing the way we think about skin, seating, and support surfaces. From the hidden risks in darkly pigmented skin, to the surprising role of wheelchair positioning and the ongoing challenge of protecting the heels, this fast-paced workshop will give you the latest insights and practical strategies you can use tomorrow. Walk away with tools to prevent injury, improve comfort, and enhance quality of life.

### **Objectives:**

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Summarize the updated 2025 international best practice recommendations for pressure injury prevention, including new insights into etiology.
2. Recognize the unique challenges of identifying early pressure injuries in darkly pigmented skin.
3. Analyze seating, support surface, and heel offloading options to determine their effectiveness in reducing risk.
4. Apply prevention and management strategies that balance skin protection with comfort, mobility, and quality of life.

*Presented by Linda Norton*

## **D2 Are we giving everyone the chance for optimal independent mobility?**

Self-mobilization is recognized as an important catalyst in achieving developmental milestones, there are many obstacles which hinder access to powered mobility for consumers of all ages & diagnosis. Utilizing skills tests can help clinicians determine ability, safety, and level of independence. It is important that consumers are given the best chance for success rather than be set-up to fail. Proficiency should be a goal to work towards once the appropriate equipment is provided. This session identifies some seating and positioning principles and equipment configurations which can enhance functional control and lead to successful self-mobility outcomes. Some aspects of the Assessment of Learning Powered Mobility Use will be discussed.

*Presented by Stephanie Tanguay*

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS DAY 2: WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2026

### A4 Optimizing Manual Wheelchair Fit and Component Selection: Practical Skills for Customization and Assessment

Attendees will work directly with equipment, gaining insight into key wheelchair components such as frame dimensions, center of gravity adjustments, wheel and caster selection, backrest and cushion considerations. Through guided exercises, participants will learn to accurately measure and document frame dimensions, identify appropriate component options, and translate assessment findings into precise order specifications. These skills are essential for ensuring that a prescribed wheelchair truly meets the needs of the end user, supporting their mobility, independence, and overall function.

*Presented by Brenlee Mogul-Rotman (Permobil) Amanda Dynes (Sunrise), Tanya Falkenberg (Etac), Petra Conaway (Motion Composites)*

### A5 The Big Picture - Seating the Bariatric Client

Obesity has become common as a pre-existing condition during the last forty years, especially in North America. Rehabilitation professionals worldwide are challenged to maximize function mobility and all aspects of daily activity for consumers who have obesity as a secondary diagnosis. Morbid obesity often precipitates additional complications such as lymphedema and panniculi which can make seating & mobility even more complicated. Finding appropriate equipment to meet the requirements of bariatric clients can be challenging, and the funding parameters for qualification and reimbursement can complicate this even more. Five years ago, there were more commercially manufactured bariatric cushions, back supports, manual and powered mobility devices available than ever before; not so today. Now more than ever, it is imperative that prescribers and providers properly measure the bariatric client and configure the equipment with understanding of weight distribution on base stability and seated orientation.

This session will examine the impact of redundant tissue and weight distribution on seated posture and wheeled mobility stability and performance. Measurement and accommodation of excessive tissue as it relates to the configuration of seat and back support surfaces and mobility devices will be discussed. Case studies including consumers with a variety of diagnosis and complex tissue distributions will be presented to illustrate challenges and contribute to problem solving.

*Presented by Stephanie Tanguay*





## **A6 Pediatric Wheelchair Cushions and Backs - Matching Technology and Needs**

Primary support options for pediatric wheelchair users have expanded significantly beyond traditional custom-configured and custom-molded solutions. Today, clinicians can choose from a wide range of off-the-shelf backrests and seat cushions designed specifically for children. While this increased availability offers greater flexibility, it also requires careful clinical decision-making. Children are not simply smaller adults—their postural, functional, and developmental needs are unique. This presentation reviews current evidence related to postural support, management of asymmetries, tissue integrity, and functional participation. Attendees will explore the types of primary supports available and gain practical guidance on selecting clinically appropriate solutions for pediatric wheelchair users.

*Presented by Tanya Falkenberg*

## **B5 The Clinical Relevance of Wheelchair and Seating Trials**

According to best practice, equipment trials are a crucial part of the overall wheelchair and seating evaluation process to finalize equipment prescriptions. Advocating for this phase of evaluation to occur universally with all wheelchair prescriptions requires an understanding of the clinical relevance of equipment trials and how to facilitate them for different clinical applications. This session will outline and discuss the research evidence that exists for equipment trials as part of the wheelchair and seating prescription process. We will also review the importance of clinical product knowledge and explore practical ways to implement equipment trials in various clinical scenarios.

*Presented by Jennifer Birt*

## **B6 Clinical Strategies for Interpreting MAT assessment findings into Equipment Trial Parameters**

One of the most valuable objective assessment tools that clinicians can be implementing with clients who require wheelchair and seating prescriptions is the MAT assessment. However, completing MAT assessments is only the first phase in the evaluation process to get to a finalized wheelchair and seating prescription. How these clinical findings are interpreted and synthesized can be as important as the initial evaluation itself. Understanding how to take these findings and translate them into equipment categories, features, and configurations is a critical step when transitioning into the equipment trial phase of evaluation. In this session, we will introduce a practical tool that can be used clinically to guide the interpretations of MAT findings. We will then review practical strategies for implementing equipment trials across various clinical settings while using objective measures to evaluate outcomes.

*Presented by Jennifer Birt*



## **B7 Seating and Mobility for the Geriatric Consumer**

Meeting the needs of the geriatric wheeled mobility consumer presents some significant challenges which can seem insurmountable. Not so much related to seating evaluation or selecting equipment to accommodate seated postures but more to navigate the funding restrictions and the restraint restrictions of long-term care environments. With an increasing geriatric population, the need for appropriate seating and mobility solutions continues to grow. This presentation will review the assessment process and identify the most common postural & functional seating challenges for geriatric users of wheeled mobility devices. Finding potential solutions that meet the needs of all stakeholders can be difficult. A variety of solutions will be presented using case studies and mocked up examples.

*Presented by Stephanie Tanguay*

## **C5 A Twist on Power Assist for the Manual Wheelchair Rider**

It is well documented that there is a high rate of upper extremity repetitive strain injury (RSI) among manual wheelchair riders. In addition to the risk of RSI, physical ability and the environment of use can pose further challenges to mobility. These factors can affect accessibility, speed, distance, and duration of travel, potentially limiting an individual's social participation. Even the act of propulsion itself can hinder tasks that require the use of one or both hands during movement. Power assist technology has provided a solution to these challenges for many wheelchair riders.

While power assist technology has been available for some time, its popularity is increasing as more professionals and users recognize the advantages it can provide. The Klaxon Twist is the latest evolution of power assist. Twist's unique modularity allows riders to benefit from the 3 faces of Twist, choosing the best mounting option for the environment they are in at the time. You will also be introduced to some of Twist's unique programming that affords riders unparalleled control over their power assist driving experience.

*Presented by Bill Randall*



## **C6 Manual Wheelchair Propulsion: Techniques, Positioning, and Equipment Considerations**

This course focuses on a foundational wheelchair skill by addressing the complexities of manual wheelchair propulsion. Participants will explore a range of propulsion techniques, including variations of arm propulsion, foot propulsion, and hybrid methods that incorporate both upper and lower limb engagement. Additionally, strategies for effective dependent propulsion will be examined, ensuring caregivers and clients can optimize support while minimizing risk of injury and maximizing independence. A key component of the course is proper positioning, which plays a crucial role in optimizing propulsion efficiency, reducing the risk of repetitive strain injuries, and promoting long-term musculoskeletal health. Participants will learn to way to prescribe and adjust frame and seating configurations to enhance stability, maximize energy transfer, and ensure optimal positioning. Special attention will be given to the impact of posture, pressure distribution, and individualized seating solutions on propulsion biomechanics. Beyond positioning, the course will provide an in-depth look at wheelchair features that influence propulsion mechanics. Topics will include frame design, rear wheel placement, and component selection. Participants will develop a deeper understanding of how these factors contribute to mobility efficiency, user independence, and injury prevention. Additionally, this course will cover how to teach different propulsion styles, ensuring that clinicians and caregivers can effectively instruct wheelchair users on safe, efficient techniques tailored to their abilities and goals. Participants will gain hands-on experience in coaching users through propulsion mechanics, adjusting technique based on strength, endurance, and mobility considerations, and troubleshooting common propulsion challenges. Through case studies and real-world applications, attendees will refine their ability to match propulsion techniques with the user's functional abilities, lifestyle, and mobility goals.

*Presented by Petra Conaway*

## **C7 Power Seat Functions: Innovations to enhance engagement, ability and participation**

Power seat functions are frequently prescribed to reduce the risk of pressure injuries, a serious complication for many individuals who use power wheelchairs. However, their impact extends far beyond skin protection alone. This workshop will explore commonly available power seat functions and examine how they can support health, independence, engagement, and participation in everyday life. Emphasis will be placed on current research related to power seat function use and efficacy, as well as holistic, evidence-based assessment. Participants will gain practical strategies to match power seat functions to client goals and needs and will review considerations for documenting clinical justification for funding.

### **Objectives:**

1. Differentiate at least two benefits and one potential drawback of five common power seat functions
2. Describe at least three potential medical or functional benefits of using combined power seat functions compared with a single function alone.
3. Identify at least two ways that specific power seat functions can be integrated into everyday activities to promote independence, comfort, and participation.
4. Outline at least two key points to include when justifying power seat functions to common funding sources.

*Presented by Brenlee Mogul-Rotman*



## **A7 But I Don't Have the Money for That": Reframing Mobility Device Prescription Through Equity and Access**

"But I don't have the money for that" is a phrase clinicians hear daily—and one that often signals the end of a prescription conversation rather than the beginning of a more equitable one. Too often, funding limitations are treated as immutable clinical boundaries, shaping device recommendations more than client goals, occupations, or rights.

This interactive session challenges the assumption that funding eligibility defines what is clinically appropriate. Using real-world case examples, participants will examine how reliance on a single funding program, definitions of "basic and essential," and unexamined clinician bias can unintentionally limit client choice and participation. Grounded in Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) principles, the discussion will explore how cultural humility, systemic awareness, and creative funding navigation can transform moments of financial constraint into opportunities for advocacy and collaborative problem-solving.

Participants will be invited to reflect on their own prescribing habits, consider the impact of cultural humility on funding-related decision-making, and explore practical strategies to expand options while remaining transparent and ethical. The session positions mobility as a human right—rather than a privilege determined solely by funding eligibility—and equips clinicians to navigate "money conversations" with greater confidence, creativity, and equity.

### **Objectives:**

1. Identify how funding structures, cultural norms, and health system policies influence mobility device prescription decisions.
2. Analyze how the phrase "I don't have the money for that" reflects systemic barriers rather than individual limitations.
3. Evaluate current prescribing practices for implicit bias and over-reliance on single funding sources.
4. Apply culturally humble, equity-informed strategies to broaden mobility options within and beyond traditional funding frameworks.
5. Evaluate alternative approaches and resources that support client-centered mobility when funding is constrained.

*Presented by Linda Norton*

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Jennifer Birt, O.T. Reg (MB)**

Jen has been practicing since 2001 and has exclusively worked in the area of seating and wheeled mobility for her entire career. Jen has a passion for driving evidence-based clinical outcomes for individuals who use wheelchairs full-time and have complex inter-related pressure injury and postural presentations. Jen has presented at numerous local, national, and international events on a variety of advanced seating and pressure management topics. She has also been involved with a variety of regional and national initiatives related to seating and pressure management practices across various healthcare settings. Jen is currently working for MedSupply Sales Group in a dual role as their director of clinical support and product representative for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This role allows her to draw on her clinical expertise as it relates to the product application side of seating and mobility practices.

### **Petra Conaway, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS**

Petra has been a licensed Physical Therapist since 2013, starting her career in neuromotor research in spinal cord injury (SCI), stroke and cerebral palsy. As a clinician, she was involved in acute care as well as inpatient and outpatient SCI rehabilitation. She took a keen interest in complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) while working with neurologically complex patients at Craig Hospital. Her curiosity and craving for challenge led her to join the Center for Inclusive Design & Engineering in 2017. Over the last 7 years, she became proficient in the CRT field as a wheelchair and seating specialist. After more than a decade of clinical experience, Petra was eager to advance her career in CRT as an educator and contributor to advance the mission of the industry. She joined Motion Composites as a Clinical Education Specialist. With her passion for education, patient-centered care, and a multidisciplinary team approach, she hopes to leverage her expertise and share her knowledge amongst all stakeholders in the industry. Petra's strengths in communication, collaboration, and compassionate care provide a solid foundation to build a supportive and effective learning environment. Petra is committed to deliver quality services and driven to achieve exceptional outcomes as an educator and a key member of a multidisciplinary team in complex rehabilitation technology.



## **Tanya Falkenberg OT**

Tanya is a Clinical Manager at Ki Mobility by Etac and brings nearly three decades of specialized experience in seating, mobility, and assistive technology. She holds a degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Toronto and began her career in a leading assistive technology and seating clinic, providing services to individuals with complex neurodegenerative conditions.

Over the course of her 30-year career, Tanya spent 18 years in private practice, focusing on the assessment and provision of complex seating and wheeled mobility solutions for clients presenting with a wide range of diagnoses and highly individualized needs. She has delivered numerous continuing education programs and clinical training sessions to healthcare professionals across Canada.

Tanya is an active member of the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT) and contributes to the advancement of seating and mobility practice through her service on the OSOT Seating and Mobility Team.

## **Brenlee Mogul-Rotman OT, ATP/SMS**

Brenlee is an occupational therapist and ATP/SMS and is currently the National Clinical and Technical Education Manager, for Permobil. Brenlee has a background in clinical work and owned a private practice in Toronto many years. She has experience with a variety of clinical client populations and has worked in the past with various groups in product trials and clinical outcomes. She is a member of the OSOT (Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists) Seating and Mobility Team and a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Spinal Research Organization. Brenlee is a past presenter at the International Seating Symposium, Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference, The OSOT conference, The RESNA conference and other related events. She is a past member of the Professional Standards Board of RESNA.

## **Linda Norton M.SC., PhD., O.T. Reg. (Ont.)**

Linda is an Occupational Therapist who is passionate about the prevention and management of pressure injuries. It is her diverse experience in various settings including hospital, community, and industry; and experience in various roles including clinician, educator, manager, and researcher that give Linda a unique perspective.

She has completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course through the University of Toronto, a Master's in Community Health focusing on pressure injury prevention and a PhD in Occupational Science focusing on chronic wounds. Her research focused on how health care providers identify and address lifestyle factors for clients with chronic wounds.

Linda is a co-director and faculty member of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course and is a faculty member of the Advanced Health Care Practice - Wound Healing program at Western University.

Linda regularly presents workshops and webinars across Canada and is the Director, Learning and Clinical Education for Motion.





### **Jessica Presperin Pedersen OTD, MBA, OTR/L, ATP/SMS**

Jessica works for Sunrise Medical USA as the Director of Clinical Education for North America. As an OT with over 45 years of experience she has worked in several sectors of the wheelchair and seating industry as a master clinician, supplier, manufacturing consultant, design representative, researcher, and educator. Jessica started the first seating clinic in Chicago in the 1980s. She is a RESNA and AOTA Fellow, serves on the Clinician Task Force, and shares her experiences internationally through publications and presentations.

### **Bill Randall Msc. Kin**

Bill has a Master of Science in Kinesiology and has amassed over 20 years of experience in the rehab industry in a variety of roles. He spent over 15 years as an ATP at Motion Specialties where he specialized in pediatrics and complex seating, helped to start NuVision Rehab Group, which today operates as Ki Mobility Canada, and spent 6 years in sales for Ki Mobility. Currently Mr. Randall serves as the Ki Mobility Product Specialist, with a focus on all Ki Mobility wheelchairs. As a product specialist, he provides Ki Mobility sales reps with onboard product training and continuing education and collaborates with the Ki Mobility clinical education team to present the product portion of enhanced educational offerings, which include both clinical and product-based content.

### **Stephanie Tanguay OT/L, ATP**

Stephanie began her career as an occupational therapist with a decade of experience in spinal cord injury and seating & Mobility. She also worked as a Rehab Technology Supplier for seven years. She has presented on numerous occasions at ISS, RESNA, CSMC and ESS and throughout North America. 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.



# WORKSHOP AGENDA: DAY 1

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# WORKSHOP AGENDA: DAY 2

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7:30-8:00	PASTRIES WITH COFFEE IN EXHIBIT HALL			MOT Students 8-10
8:00-9:30	A4 Optimizing Manual Wheelchair Fit and Component Selection <i>Brenlee, Tanya, Amanda, Petra</i>	B5 The Clinical Relevance of Wheelchair and Seating Trials <i>Jen</i>	C5 A Twist on Power Assist for the Manual Wheelchair Rider <i>Bill</i>	
9:30-10:00	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL			
10:00-11:30	A5 The Big Picture <i>Stephanie</i>	B6 Clinical Strategies for Interpreting MAT Assessment Findings into Equipment Trial Parameters <i>Jen</i>	C6 Manual Wheelchair Propulsion: Techniques, Positioning, and Equipment Considerations <i>Petra</i>	MOT 2 Students in Trade Show
11:30-12:00	LUNCH			
12:00-1:30	TRADE SHOW WITH DESSERT IN EXHIBIT HALL			
1:30-2:45	A6 Pediatric Wheelchair Cushions and Backs - Matching Technology and Needs <i>Tanya</i>	B7 Seating and Mobility for the Geriatric Consumer <i>Stephanie</i>	C7 Power Seat Functions: Innovations to Enhance Engagement, Ability and Participation <i>Brenlee</i>	
2:45-3:15	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL			
3:15-4:15	A7 But I Don't Have the Money for That: Reframing Mobility Device Prescription Through Equity and Access <i>Linda</i>			
4:15-4:30	CLOSING AND PRIZES			



## VENUE INFORMATION

The Victoria Inn and Conference Centre  
1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, MB  
Contact info: (204) 786-4801

Group Rate of \$165.00 plus taxes double occupancy available until March 15, 2026. Please inform the hotel that you are part of the Prairie Seating Workshop or refer to code # 360682 to take advantage of this rate.

There are a limited number of wheelchair accessible suites, please indicate when contacting the hotel if you require one of these rooms.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Early Bird Deadline:** February 6, 2026  
**Regular Deadline:** March 13, 2026

Registration and payment must be received by the deadline dates to qualify for rates indicated. Please note that enrollment is limited.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### Registration can be completed:

1. Online registration at [www.TherapyFirst.ca](http://www.TherapyFirst.ca) (Credit Card or e-transfer sent to [corinna@therapyfirst.ca](mailto:corinna@therapyfirst.ca))
2. With the completed registration form via mail or fax (204-669-7114) **and**
  - a. cheque payable to Therapy First . PO Box 28107 Winnipeg MB R2G 4E9 **or**
  - b. e-transfer sent to [corinna@therapyfirst.ca](mailto:corinna@therapyfirst.ca)

**\*\*\*Payment must accompany registration form.\*\*\***

Cancellations must be requested in writing to: [prairieseating@therapyfirst.ca](mailto:prairieseating@therapyfirst.ca) by **March 13, 2026**.  
No refunds will be provided after this date.

*All refunds subject to a \$50 administration fee.*

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROV/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROFESSION: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DIETARY PREFERENCE

- ☐ Regular Diet    ☐ Celiac Diet  
☐ Vegetarian    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FEES

- ☐ Early Bird:    \$385.00    (+19.25 GST)  
☐ Regular:    \$405.00    (+20.25 GST)

Prices are in CDN. **Total** with GST: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Check ONE box per line for each day.

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### ***Tuesday April 14***

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