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Auckland in November!

Equality for the Ageing: Ensuring Access to Assistive Technology for the Aged Care Population

About

Global census and survey data tells us that the world population is not only growing, but also living longer due to improved access to health services and medical and technological advances. Research also confirms that the use of assistive technology is highly effective at improving functional abilities, reducing the risk for costly medical complications, and reducing caregiver burden. However, despite these known benefits, a gap remains between access to assistive technology for younger people as compared to access given for the ageing population. Attitudinal biases exist among certain medical teams and funding agencies regarding the needs of the older adult regarding assistive technology.

This presentation will examine the current approach to power mobility access for older adults with functional impairments related to the ageing process in New Zealand; take a focused look at power mobility and seating and positioning for the ageing person with disability, and will present research-based best practice recommendations for clinical application.

Details

Date: Wednesday 6 November 2024
Time: 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Room: Room 2
Venue: Due Drop Events Centre, 770 Great South Road, Wiri

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Speaker

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Tracee-Lee Maginnity joined Permobil Australia in July 2019, as a clinical education specialist. Originally from New Zealand, she graduated Auckland University of Technology with a BHSoc (Occupational Therapy) in 2003 and has since worked in various roles related to seating and mobility including assessing, prescribing and educating. After gaining experience as an assessor and prescriber at Seating To Go / Wheelchair Solutions in prescribing for both disability and injury, she moved to Australia in 2011 to take on the Senior Occupational Therapist role in a custom moulded seating service. She then worked in clinical consulting and education roles until joining Permobil. Tracee-Lee is passionate about maximising functional outcomes with end users and the importance of education within the industry. She has mentored many therapists interested in AT. Her experience includes working with complex postures to achieve custom outcomes. Tracee-Lee is also an international wheelchair rugby classifier where she enjoys the task analysis of wheelchair propulsion and functional capacity identification of athletes.