



# ATSNZ Disability Expo

20 - 21 November 2024

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Wigram, Christchurch



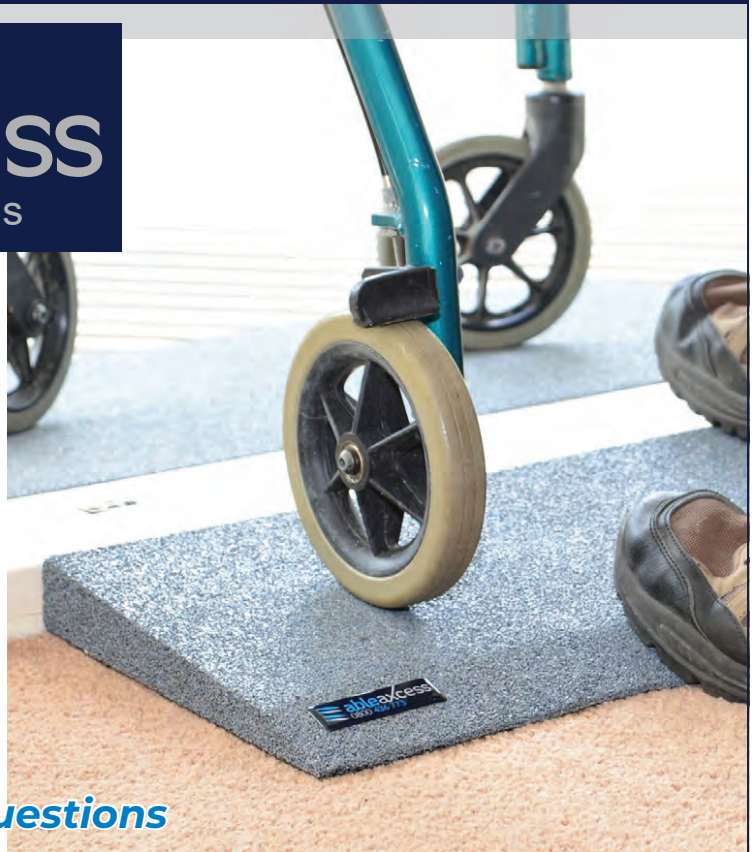
## EXPO GUIDE





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# Welcome

Welcome to the 2024 ATSNZ Disability Expo Christchurch.

On behalf of Assistive Technologies Suppliers New Zealand (ATSNZ - [www.ATSNZ.org.nz](http://www.ATSNZ.org.nz)), I would like to welcome you to the 2024 Disability Expo.

We are proud to bring to you our first Christchurch exhibition of assistive technology, which is aimed at enhancing and expanding the lifestyles of people with disability and seniors across New Zealand.

We are pleased to welcome the exhibitors who have come together to support the Expo, including local small businesses, international organisations and a number of not-for-profit organisations. ATSNZ is honoured to be able to facilitate the Disability Expo as an event that supports all involved with disability of all ages.

The Expo is sure to have something of interest for everyone, whether you are a consumer, caregiver, allied health practitioner, equipment funder or support organisation. Through this year's event, ATSNZ is committed to:

- Showcasing a broad range of assistive technology (AT) and lifestyle services to support choice and control for those with disability, seniors and care givers.
- Educating our expo visitors about the latest advances in AT and related services, and to support the development of their technical skills and knowledge.
- Helping people improve their independence, dignity, health and well-being through awareness of assistive technology options.

The world-class Seminar Program has only been made possible through the generous support of many companies and organisations, both local and international. ATSNZ wishes to pass on its thanks to the outstanding panel of speakers who will be presenting and the supporters of the Expo for making this program possible.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this exceptional event and I hope you will visit us again at future ATSNZ Disability Expos.

**Ingrid van Rijn** - *Executive Officer, ATSNZ*

# Exhibitors

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We're all about meeting you in your space wherever that space may be. Since the 1920s, we've been right here in Aotearoa, offering disability and nursing supports nationwide. We work closely with Whaikaha, Te Whatu Ora, and ACC to lend a hand to over 40,000 people nationwide. Our skilled team of nēhi|nurses and kaiāwhina|support workers are here to help you live your best life. Whether it's reaching your goals or connecting with your community, we're with you every step of the way. A partnership with Access means you paddle your own waka, we come along for the ride. Trust us to be part of your journey and discover a better day, every day.

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Allied Medical is an established assistive technology products importer and distributor into the New Zealand market. Each product in our range has been carefully selected to meet the needs of this market, as a response to feedback, input and advice from the end users of our products, and the clinicians who prescribe them. Our primary focus is to provide our customers – along with their clients – world leading assistive technology products, supported with strong product knowledge, readily available technical support and on-going product training.

## **ARJO**

**Stand 5**

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Asian Family Services is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Aotearoa/New Zealand that provides mental health and gambling harm support to individuals of Asian backgrounds. The services include face-to-face or online counselling sessions cross nationwide with qualified professionals—counsellors, psychologists, social workers, and public health practitioners—who speak a range of Asian languages, including Mandarin, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, and English. Free, confidential, and unlimited counselling is available for those affected by gambling. Referrals can be made via the Asian Helpline (0800862342, Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) or through an online referral form <https://www.asianfamilyservices.nz/services/referral-form/>. More information about Asian Family Services: <https://www.asianfamilyservices.nz/>

## ASPIRE CANTERBURY

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Aspire Canterbury has been a valued part of the disabled and elderly community in Christchurch since 1982. We are here for people with disability, aged adults, whānau, and the Canterbury community. Aspire provides free disability information and advice, and access to resources that enable disabled people, and people with impairments, to live their best life.



## AVANOS

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Better Days was founded to provide better support for people in need, and to be a better place to work. Our five values guide our direction and decisions and have made Better Days what it is today and will be in the future. Through in-home, in-clinic and telehealth services, our passionate, skilled clinicians help people across Aotearoa New Zealand.

## BQ MOBILITY

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## ICARE MEDICAL GROUP

**Stands 19 - 21**



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## IHC NEW ZEALAND - STAND TALL

### Stand 10

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IHC will advocate for the rights, inclusion and welfare of all people with intellectual disabilities and support them to live satisfying lives in the community. Stand Tall began when the IHC Library noticed there wasn't a lot of information on managing money, specifically for young New Zealanders with intellectual disabilities or neurodiversity. With the support from The Holdsworth Charitable Trust, the library started to investigate creating a resource to support people to become more independent. Developing a game looked like the best way to create a resource that would be fun and help people learn. IHC joined forces with InGame and worked together on different scenarios and designs until this fun game was ready to play. Stand Tall was first presented and tested at a workshop as a board game before it was developed into an online game. The game testers came together to test what is involved with living independently. Once the board game was finalised the online prototype of the game was developed and tested among the same testers. IHC is still working with InGame to create further scenarios and continuing to make changes to keep Stand Tall up to date. At the beginning of the game, you can create an Avatar and decide the best look for you. From there you face many scenarios that reflect living in a flat for example, how much money do you need for groceries? How are you going to remember your chores? Are you going to call the landlord about the broken shelf? All these questions come with three choices, all of which impacts your Avatar's financial, physical and emotional health in negative or positive ways, just like in real life. The scenarios in Stand Tall are realistic example of events that can happen in a shared flat. Stand Tall is suitable for students and people transitioning from school or moving to a more independent lifestyle. Stand Tall is completely FREE and available to download on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

You can also play on the web [www.ihc-standtall.com](http://www.ihc-standtall.com).

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Melrose Kiwi Concept Chairs is a New Zealand company manufacturing custom made manual lightweight wheelchairs for NZ and international markets. After an accident Phil Melrose believed he could make a better wheelchair that suited his needs better than any other wheelchair offered him. He bought together a team who were passionate about design and fabrication to build wheelchairs for individuals. After 30 years that small team is now over 40 staff and the same passion to understand the needs of wheelchairs user's remains. Our custom wheelchairs are made to fit you and to suit the way you move. Our wheelchairs are Uniquely You.

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New Zealand

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Muscular Dystrophy South Island | Te Waipounamu fulfils a recognised need in communities through programmes, coffee groups, peer support and a fieldworker service. We assist our clients to live full lives by lobbying for change in attitudes, policies, funding, environment, and support services where these impact our clients sub-optimally on their quality of life. We are family centered and provide community-based approaches together with our fieldworkers (qualified health professionals) we make connections with health professionals and other agencies to directly benefit our clients and their families. Our peer support network is aimed at reducing isolation which is common among rare conditions communities. MDA offers support to individuals, their families and care supporters to not only improve quality of life and mobility but mental and emotional health and wellbeing. There are over 60 known conditions under the Muscular Dystrophy New Zealand umbrella.

## NZ HEALTH GROUP

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New Zealand  
Health Group

New Zealand Health Group (NZHG) is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest nationwide provider of home and community support services, disability support, rehabilitation, mental health and behavioural support, health staffing, workplace support, sector training, private care and medical alarms. Our team of over 10,000 carers, support workers, nurses, and other health professionals provide more than 100 specialist services across Aotearoa to tens of thousands of New Zealanders every day. With the purpose of

achieving equitable wellbeing for everyone, NZHG government, health authorities, local iwi, and comm are supported with the care they need to live their k



## **NZ SPINAL TRUST**

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The NZ Spinal Trust is a charitable “for cause” organisation supporting positive futures for individuals and their whānau living the the effects of spinal cord impairment anywhere in NZ. We do this through individual and whānau support - exploring future work possibilities - information, resources and training. Most of what we offer is free of charge courtesy of our amazing sponsors and financial supporters - you know who you are and we thank you!

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People First New Zealand is a Disabled People’s Organisation (DPO) which means we are run by and for people with learning disability. Our work makes sure people with learning disability have and know their rights and that our communities are inclusive across Aotearoa New Zealand.

## **PERMOBIL NEW ZEALAND LTD**

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**REHASENSE**

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**Stand 39**

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**REID TECHNOLOGY**

assistive technologies

Reid Technology Ltd is one of the leading suppliers of assistive technology in New Zealand. We offer products that assist people who have hearing, visual or cognitive impairment, helping them lead their lives to the fullest. We will be displaying products from Abilia, Bellman & Symfon, Oricom, Speaksee and WeWALK on our stand.

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**ROLAPAL**

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Stand 65

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Te Wana Ltd - Technologies that Care Providing a range of high-quality medical-grade Care Sensors, Epilepsy Alarms and Assistive Technologies to support families, caregivers and support providers in Aotearoa.

Provided full service from assessment, prescription, supply, installation (where possible), and review with a 30-day money-back guarantee on most products. We help customers make the right choices that meet their needs and support them in using the technologies provided to manage the risks identified. Focused on the needs of the individual to maximise independence.

## THERMOMIX

Stand 29

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The Thermomix® TM6 is a simple assistive technology that can help users enjoy the confidence and capability to prepare fresh, delicious, nutritious meals at home. Thermomix® creates more independence in the kitchen by combining 20 cooking appliances into one compact unit. It brings more variety to every day with recipe inspiration, helps create menu plans and write shopping lists, and makes cooking favourite foods as easy as pressing 'next'. Thermomix® is also an extra pair of hands for carers and is fantastic for managing food allergies, food intolerances as well as soft food requirements and choking risks.

# Professional Seminar Series Programme

Wednesday 20 November 2024

## Room 1

### TIME

### ABSTRACT

9.00am -  
9.45am

#### **Quantifying Qualitative Assessment Data to Inform Wheelchair Seat Cushion Selection: A Clinician's Perspective**

**Henry Bertulfo**

Wheelchair seating assessment is crucial in preventing pressure injuries and promoting proper posture among wheelchair users. This topic explores the significance of seat cushion selection, to promote pressure redistribution and pelvic alignment in achieving optimal seating outcomes. The utilization of pressure mapping technology is emphasized as a valuable tool for quantifying postural assessment and identifying areas of high-pressure risk. By understanding the relationship between seat cushion properties, pelvic alignment, and pressure distribution, clinicians can make informed decisions regarding seating interventions. Highlights the importance of considering individual needs, such as body size, postural tendencies, and level of mobility, when selecting seat cushions. Emphasizes the role of pressure mapping in evaluating the effectiveness of different seating strategies and identifying areas for improvement. By integrating these factors, clinicians can enhance seating comfort, improve sitting posture, minimise risk of pressure injury, and ultimately improving the overall well-being of wheelchair users.

**Break & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

10.15am – **The World Health Organization (WHO) Wheelchair provision guidelines.**  
11.00am

### **Rachel Brown**

Mobility is essential for human well-being. It is estimated that around 80 million people in the world require a wheelchair and discrepancies exist with wheelchair provision at a global level. The development of the World Health Organization Wheelchair provision guidelines started in 2020 and they were published in 2023.

Input was provided by people from a range of countries, with differing roles, qualifications, and life experiences. The guiding principles and recommendations are instrumental for all people involved with wheelchair provision. The four service level recommendations for wheelchair provision of select, fit, train and follow up will be outlined.

The three system level recommendations of competent workforce, seamless referral and access and systematic evaluation will be noted. The next steps include disseminating the guidelines and aiming to put the recommendations made into practice.

**Morning Tea & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**



**TIME****ABSTRACT**

11.45am -  
12.30pm

**The future of prescription: What role will AI play****Tilly Brook**

One of the biggest technological advancements currently facing industries globally is the implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI). What can AI offer in the area of prescribing AT? Is it a tool that can assist in the ever-increasing amounts of report writing associated with the justification processes of prescribing Assistive Technology? Can it assist us manage the paperwork demands? What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of using these technologies to complete funding justifications?

This session will provide a historical understanding of the development of AI and consider the ways in which it may be applicable to current practice. Discussion on the foundations of clinical reasoning will guide the group in considering the role AI may play in future prescription processes.

**Lunch & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

1.45pm -  
2.30pm

## **MND: Maintaining independence through power mobility**

**Helen Lappin**

Clients with complex and continuing healthcare needs face a silent, ongoing battle—unseen changes in body shape and increased risks of pressure injuries while lying in bed. These issues can develop slowly over time, affecting individuals with limited mobility, regardless of diagnosis or age.

Join us for an insightful session where we will explore essential strategies to protect clients from the risks of static, destructive postures and safeguard their skin. We'll delve into pressure care principles, the importance of selecting the right support surface, and the use of therapeutic positioning systems.

Grounded in the latest clinical evidence and international guidelines, this session will encourage a re-evaluation of your current practices, ensuring the best possible care for those with increased sensory and postural needs. You will gain practical insights and tools to enhance your clinical approach, addressing the intertwined challenges of pressure and posture care in lying.

Discover how to prioritize and balance these critical aspects to improve client outcomes, prevent complications, and provide comprehensive care. This session is designed to equip you with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for your clients.

**Afternoon Tea & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

**TIME****ABSTRACT**

3.00pm -  
4.00pm

**Driving Your Wheelchair with Your Eyes** – This presentation will be on the Demonstration Stage in the Expo area

**Chris O’Hara and Charlene Cullen**

This session will discuss how to control a wheelchair via eye-gaze. Recent technological developments have allowed for the integration of eye-gaze technology and powered wheelchairs, for both driving and making chair adjustments. With access to an eye-gaze device, a powered wheelchair and a driving interface such as Ability Drive, individuals can take control of their wheelchair. We will discuss how the software and hardware work and demonstrate how to drive a wheelchair using eye control.

Presentation notes:

- What is eye gaze, how does it work, Tobii Dynavox devices
- Considerations for mounting
- What user groups might Eye Gaze wheelchair control be suitable for
- The trial process and requirements for a trial
- Main features of Ability Drive
- How Ability Drive is connected to the powered wheelchair
- What wheelchairs will Ability Drive work with?
- User Case study?
- Hands-on demo.

4.00pm

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## Room 2

### TIME

### ABSTRACT

9.00am -  
9.45am

#### **Postural care doesn't just end with the wheelchair**

**Claire Grey**

We spend so long getting clients positioned well in their wheelchairs we can often forget about the other aspects of life outside of the chair. 24hr postural management is for anyone with a movement disorder and addresses all the hours spent lying in bed or relaxing on the floor. We look at identifying destructive postures, the impact of prolonged time in these positions on the client, why and how lying supports can be introduced and ways to help the process of acceptance and use within school and home. We overview low-cost options that promote multi use and value for money for the assessor and funders.

#### **Break & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

10.15am -  
11.00am

#### **My Disability is My Superpower**

**Natasha Astill**

Natasha will be talking about her real life experiences as a young woman with an Invisible Disability.

She will talk about how her real life experience has shaped her into the disability advocate she is today.

She will also mention how she uses her social media platform to share her experiences as a mobility scooter user to encourage and to motivate others to be independent.

Also she will mention how to safely share your story and message with others by sharing her own experience.

#### **Morning Tea & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

11.45am - **Alternative power controls – giving mobility to the masses**  
12.30pm

### Jacelyn Goh

The ability to operate a power wheelchair not only fosters independence but also facilitates engagement in meaningful daily activities. However, individuals with significant physical limitations often find conventional joystick controls challenging to use, or even impossible, which results in them being dependent on others for all their mobility needs. Alternative drive controls allow the prescribing therapist the ability to give more wheelchair users freedom of mobility when a standard drive controller is inaccessible. But where do you start? And how to do know that the control provided is the best control for the longevity of that wheelchair prescription?

Alternative control methods, tailored to leverage the user's remaining physical capabilities, have long been recognized as invaluable. The most common alternative control methods include the use of switch controls, sip and puff, and head array systems. We review briefly the clinical considerations surrounding the prescription of alternative controls and explore the current limitations of these systems.

Let us introduce you to two innovative products recently introduced to the market, have been meticulously developed to elevate wheelchair control through alternative control and effectively address some of the limitations of current alternate control systems.

**Lunch & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

1.45pm -  
2.30pm

## **Unique power functions that create client centered solutions**

**Jacelyn Goh**

Often the difference between disability and ability is the application of assistive technology that matches the unique functional abilities of our clients. There have been many advances in technology for how individuals who use powered mobility can add on specialised seating functions and controls to enhance their participation in the world that surrounds them.

Join us to explore the clinical applications of powered lateral tilt, latitude (seat to floor), anterior tilt and standing functions; along with alternate drive control systems, that through clinical application, have vastly improved the quality of life for the unique individuals we will showcase through our clinical studies. We will explore the research available to assist in our decision making and ensure we use outcome measures that showcase client centered processes aren't lost in a tick box society.

**Afternoon Tea & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

3.00pm -  
3.45pm

## **Addressing Paediatric Hip Health: Practical Approaches for Positive Outcomes**

**Jamie Cockle**

Navigating the complexities of paediatric hip health is essential when working with children with neurological impairments and disabilities. This session delves into the prevalent challenges associated with hip joint issues and their secondary complications in this population. We explore the significance of consistent postural support throughout the day and night, coupled with opportunities for weight-bearing and active movement in promoting optimal hip health.

Join to unravel the intricacies of hip development and health within the neurodisability population. The focus extends beyond theory to practical considerations, highlighting the essential balance between 24-hour movement and 24-hour postural care. Gain insights and actionable strategies to make a positive impact, paving the way for a healthier future.

### TIME

### ABSTRACT

8.45am -  
9.30am

#### **Standing Tall for Health and Participation**

**Mellinda Clarke**

Supported standing for children and adolescents with physical disabilities has research-based health benefits that can deliver positive outcomes to promote quality of life. However, there are many considerations and key practice guidelines that need to be addressed to make the best choices in frame scripting, set up and use.

This session will focus on reviewing the up-to-date research in this area of practice, highlighting the benefits of standing as a whole and the wider implications for physical programmes, as well as how to implement the key practice guidelines.

Considering both approaches of early intervention and planning for challenging postures with the practical implications, let's take a closer look at supported standing and its importance in promoting function, participation, and health for all.

**Break & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**



10.00am - **A holistic approach to driving improvements in provision of vehicle transport supports for children and young people**  
10.45am

### **Jamie Cockle**

Recent research highlights that children with disabilities and medical conditions are regularly inappropriately restrained whilst travelling in motor vehicles, calling on a holistic approach to address this concern.

Medifab is the leading supplier of special purpose car seats in both Australia and New Zealand and are committed to supporting safe and appropriate supply of these. As part of this commitment, Medifab have engaged in numerous projects including independent crash testing, training course development and the establishment of a first of it's kind accreditation model in Australia to support the provision of these supports throughout the community

This presentation will share experiences and reflections on the work done towards these projects, including updates on what to expect from this area of practice over the coming 12-18 months. Medifab's work with MACA, a not-for-profit organisation based in Australia, will also be covered alongside evidence which demonstrates how this collaborative approach is advancing evidence based practice.

**Morning Tea & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

11.15am - **A clinicians guide to prescribing ultra-light manual**  
12.00pm **wheelchairs**

### **Bianca Brady**

What does it mean when you hear the term ultra-light manual wheelchair and how does this set up the user to promote propulsion efficiency and facilitate mobility and functional goals long term

Clinical guidelines that support the use of the lightest adjustable wheelchairs for the preservation of the upper limb are available to us. As prescribers and suppliers of these chairs, it is important to consider these evidence-based recommendations when investigating wheelchair weight and configuration.

Making informed decisions when selecting a wheelchair and components as well as implementing best practice recommendations during the set up can result in great functional gains for the user.

This session will provide a greater understanding of the clinical evidence and best practice guidelines regarding wheelchair weight and configuration with a focus on 5 needs to know areas. This will help promote long term benefits for the user and help avoid common issues encountered.

**Lunch & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

1.00pm -  
2.30pm

## **“It isn’t working”: Exploring options once a wheelchair has been delivered**

### **Christa Roessler**

The Enable New Zealand Clinical Services Advisors work with clinicians around equipment and discuss this topic regularly. Restraint minimisation is an integral part of a health professionals’ practice when considering equipment solutions. Section 6 in the 2021 Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard, is the most recent guidance for practice.

The objectives of this presentation are to:

- increase awareness of this standard
- bring attention to definitions
- share available resources
- discuss clinical application of these standards and resources
- talk to current practice guidelines and behavioural support services
- provide practical application via case studies.

The intent of this presentation will be to facilitate a consistent approach to providing safe and quality care in relation to tailored solutions.

2.00pm -  
2.45pm

## **Considering Cushion Selection – How can we use ISO testing data to assist in the process.**

### **Tilly Brook**

ISO Cushion standards are based on objective, scientific laboratory analysis of support surfaces. These tests measure the critical characteristics of wheelchair cushions. Can these tests contribute to evidence based practice to assist in the clinical reasoning processes when determining potential solutions?

How can this standardised, lab-based data be considered along with the needs and goals of the individual? What else do we need to consider when identifying cushion most appropriate for an individual users? Come along and join us in this session where we will deep dive into the concepts and uses of ISO testing to support clinical reasoning.

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## Room 2

**TIME**

**ABSTRACT**

8.45am -  
9.30am

**Feeding potential: The value and benefits of including speech pathologists in paediatric seating assessments for mealtimes**

**Charlotte Walker**

Dysphagia impacts between 21-72% of the paediatric population who are born prematurely or live with neurodisability. There is strong evidence about the importance of on time intervention for this population, including the introduction of equipment that facilitates supported sitting. But are seating therapists incidentally placing this population at risk of potential developmental, physical and mental health consequences by not actively involving speech pathologists in the assessment, trial and selection of seating that is used for mealtimes?

The value and benefit of speech pathology involvement in mealtime seating assessment and selection will be highlighted through discussion of a client case study that occurred in a home and community rehabilitation setting in Victoria, Australia.

**Break & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

10.00am - **Artificial Intelligence Training for Disabled People and**  
10.45am **Allies**

### Tim Young

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the world. It has the potential to reduce inequality or massively increase inequality. The outcome will depend on how educated disabled people and allies are on how to use and not use AI.

AI can be useful for disabled people in various ways, such as providing a personal assistant, increasing productivity at work, helping with communication, and automating smart homes. AI can enable people with disabilities to access information, services, and opportunities that would otherwise be inaccessible or difficult to use. AI can also empower people with disabilities to express their creativity, preferences, and opinions.

AI is very powerful and can be used for good, but it can also be dangerous. Disabled people, and allies in the disability sector need to be aware of how it can affect your life negatively to be able to get the most out of it. Knowing about the potential downsides of AI helps people make smart choices about using AI, guides the creation of rules to keep AI safe and fair, and helps prevent harm. Additionally, it prepares us to handle job changes caused by AI and ensures that AI benefits everyone equally, not just a few. Overall, understanding AI's negative impacts helps us use this technology in ways that are good for society and fair to everyone.

**Morning Tea & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

11.15am - **Assistive Technology, Discrimination and the Law**  
12.00pm

**Rachael Wiltshire**

Auckland Disability Law is a Community Law Centre that has the specific focus of supporting the Deaf and disabled community when they encounter legal issues related to their disability.

One of the many barriers disabled people face is discrimination around their adaptive technology. This occurs across many areas of life, from employment, to accommodation, and even just going about their daily business.

This presentation will discuss the law around disability discrimination in New Zealand, with a particular focus on what the law says about assistive technology. We will talk about the law around reasonable accommodations for disability, and explore the options available to people who feel they have been discriminated against, including how both Auckland Disability Law and the Human Rights Commission can help.

**Lunch & 5 min Exhibitor Showcase in Expo Hall**

1.00pm -  
1.45pm

## **Assistive Technology in Action: A Solutions-Based Approach and Implementation of Smart Technology in the Home**

**Sarah Clarke**

This case study explores the transformative impact of assistive and smart technology in the home of a young man with cerebral palsy, focusing on the role and implementation of these technologies to enhance his daily life and achieve his personal goals. By integrating advanced assistive devices and smart home solutions, significant improvements in independence, safety, and quality of life were reached.

The approach taken in this case study highlights the power of embracing every ability and supporting every journey, demonstrating how tailored technological interventions can empower individuals with disabilities. By implementing assistive technology, barriers were broken, fostering trust, understanding, and empowerment. His story shows the practical applications and benefits of smart technology in the home, emphasizing the importance of functionality, accessibility, and personalised solutions.



2.00pm -  
2.45pm

## **Integrating the Four Pillars (4P™) of Wheelchair Seating**

**Terri Davies**

It is imperative to consider the interconnectedness of posture, pressure, pain, and performance when thinking of wheelchair seating. These four pillars form a synergistic framework that underpins ergonomic seating design.

Posture serves as the blueprint for alignment, influencing pressure distribution and assists in pain prevention. A well supported posture facilitates optimal pressure management, reducing the risk of pressure injuries and enhancing comfort. Mitigating pain is crucial, which if unaddressed, can impede daily activities and overall performance. Effective performance in a wheelchair is contingent upon the maintenance of good posture, proper pressure redistribution and the alleviation of pain.

This presentation will demonstrate how utilising the four pillars—posture, pressure, pain, and performance—as a comprehensive filter can assist therapists in addressing each critical aspect, ensuring that wheelchair users achieve their desired functional outcomes and enhance their quality of life.

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# Speakers



## **Natasha Astill**

Natasha is a 22 year old with lived experience living with an Invisible disabilities, She is also a disability advocate who help others to find their voices and motivate to achieve their goal and to succeed with them.



## **Henry Bertulfo**

Henry is an experienced occupational therapist, specialising in wheelchair and seating assessment, and for the last five years has practiced as a product solution consultant /specialist focusing on wheeled mobility and seating products.



## **Bianca Brady**

As an occupational therapist, Bianca began her career in physical rehabilitation where her passion grew for working with neurological conditions and physical challenges that impact daily life. Bianca has worked with NSW Health and as a community-based therapist.

Her current role as Clinical Educator for APEX Mobility brings together 15 years of experience in tailoring solutions to suite individual needs and her passion for education. She joined the APEX Mobility team to focus her experience and skills in providing learning opportunities for seating and wheeled mobility. She remains an advocate for people who access care and support to achieve life goals with assistive technology as well as serving to provide opportunities to foster growth and learning for others.



## **Tilly Brook**

Tilly Brook, OT is Director of Clinical Services for Permobil APAC. She has extensive experience working as an Occupational Therapist within wheelchair and seating in Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore. Her passion for this area of practice started whilst working in Brain Injury Rehabilitation and continued to grow. Tilly has assisted in the development of clinical teams, and now focuses on upskilling, education, mentoring and developing best practice guidelines for clinicians in the field throughout Asia Pacific. Tilly holds a Bachelor of Health Science and a Masters of Occupational Therapy (Hons). When Tilly is not working, you will find her spending time with her family and planning their next travel adventure.



## **Rachel Brown**

Rachel graduated as an occupational therapist in 1995. She has worked in a variety of adult and pediatric services within New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Most of Rachel's practice has been in community settings and included wheelchairs and seating. She has been in her current role with Enable New Zealand Limited since 2010. This role involves her running wheelchair, seating, and lying support outreach clinics in the lower South Island of New Zealand. In addition to this, Rachel provides clinical advice for requests outside of the outreach setting. She has published two articles on lying supports, one on back supports, and has presented on these topics, multiple sclerosis, and motor neurone disease at International, European and Oceania Seating Symposiums.

In 2022 she participated in a research study entitled Tele-delivery of complex wheelchair assessment: a comparative case study which was run through the University of Otago, in New Zealand.

Rachel was on the External Review Group for the World Health Organization Wheelchair provision guidelines that were published in 2023.



## **Mellinda Clarke**

Mellinda is an experienced physiotherapist of 24+ years with a strong paediatric and disability focus throughout her career and a passion for helping both children and adults achieve their goals. Her work began with the Cerebral Palsy League in Brisbane and then a move to New Zealand where she worked across a Child Development Unit, a hospital for the elderly, a Physical Disability Unit within a regular school, 10 years with Ferndale Special School in Christchurch, and then 7 years as Team Leader and Clinical Lead and Training Supervisor for Wheelchair and Seating with an international private rehabilitation firm APM Workcare NZ. The move back to Australia brought a shift to an Assistive Technology Consultancy role, and then her current role with Apex Mobility as a Clinical Educator. Here she focuses on education in the Assistive Technology and disability sector, where through clinical education she aims to continue to help people young and old and their families live their best life.



## **Sarah Clarke**

Sarah Clarke, a determined and accomplished young adult from Waikato, has a passion for youth engagement and accessibility. Living with a physical disability, she actively works with organizations to advocate for and support greater inclusivity.

Sarah's experience in youth engagement drives her commitment to making spaces more inclusive and accessible. She focuses on practical solutions that enhance daily life and support independence for individuals with disabilities. Through her role, Sarah combines her passion for technology and inclusivity to create meaningful change in the community.



## **Jamie Cockle**

Jamie is the paediatric clinical educator for Medifab, one of the largest importers and manufacturers of paediatric Assistive Technology (AT) in Australia.

Upon graduating from his Physiotherapy BSc, Jamie immediately specialised in paediatrics, spending the early part of his career working in acute hospital settings within the NHS in England and Wales. During this time, he developed a passion for Neurological disability and rehabilitation, working closely with children and their families throughout their hospital journey and beyond.

Today, Jamie supports clinicians across Australia and New Zealand to develop their knowledge and skills, delivering a range of paediatric focussed clinical education in a variety of settings. He is passionate about AT and what it offers for children by ensuring that no matter of their impairment, they have opportunities to be well supported as they grow and develop. Jamie aims to build confidence and assist all stakeholders he works with to get the best from AT, supporting children to be active and participate in what's important to them and their family.



## **Terri Davies**

Terri holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Brigham Young University, a milestone she achieved in 2013 after laying a solid foundation with an Associate of Science in Physical Therapy Assistant and an Associate of Science in Health Science.

Terri's journey took an exciting turn when she discovered her passion for neurology during her three-year tenure at a non-profit spinal cord and traumatic brain injury clinic. Her experience as a travelling therapist in the USA further fuelled her interest, particularly in the realm of wound care. It was during this time that she realised her fervour for pressure injury prevention and seating and positioning.



## Jacelyn Goh

Jacelyn (better known as Jace) is an Occupational Therapist with extensive experience and expertise in neurological rehabilitation. After graduating from La Trobe University in 2008, she began her career in Singapore, working in acute and rehabilitation settings. Over the years, she has gained valuable experience by working in various countries and healthcare systems.

Ten years ago, Jace moved to Melbourne, Australia, where she continued her career as an Occupational Therapist. During this time, she worked in both public and private settings and gained experience in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) sector, working with diverse client groups.

In 2021, Jace joined the team at Linds Rehabilitation where she holds the role of product representative and clinical educator. Her specific interest lies in complex wheelchair seating and prescription. In her current position, she provides consultation and conducts education sessions to assist other occupational therapists in their wheelchair prescription process.

With her extensive knowledge of Occupational Therapy and her focus on neurological rehabilitation, Jace plays a vital role in helping other therapists optimize their wheelchair prescription techniques and ensure clients receive the most suitable mobility outcomes.



## Claire Grey

Claire Grey qualified in the UK with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in physical roles ranging from community, schools, inpatients, and non-government organisations. She recently moved from a District Health Board role to the private sector, working as a clinical specialist for an equipment provider Medifab. Claire's role involves hands-on clinic/community problem solving work together with the provision of advice and education around wheelchairs, seating and 24-hour posture management.



## **Helen Lappin**

Helen Lappin: Following graduation from Otago Polytechnic in 1998 as an Occupational Therapist, Helen worked in New Zealand, Australia and the UK in several practice areas including elderly rehab, neuro rehab, and assistive technology. Since returning to New Zealand in 2008, she has been working solely as a Seating and Wheelchair Therapist for Te Whatu Ora and more recently for the Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust. Helen contributed to the New Zealand MND Best Practice Recommendations and is a member of the MoH credentialing panel for wheeled mobility and postural management.



## **Chris O'Hara**

Chris is an Occupational Therapist with 20 years experience currently working for Link Assistive New Zealand as an Assistive Technology Consultant. With over 10 years' experience working specifically in assistive technology and AAC he is keen on using technology to increase functional abilities.



## **Christa Roessler**

Clinical Service Advisor

Our mission is to support disabled people and their whānau to live everyday lives in their communities. We do this by effectively managing access to equipment and modifications for disabled people and their whānau on behalf of Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People (Whaikaha) and the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).

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## **Charlotte Walker**

Charlotte is an Occupational Therapist with a background in working with people who have complex neurological and physical disabilities in the community. When training as an Occupational Therapist, Charlotte also worked as a Support Worker. She also has more recent experience teaching final year occupational therapy students in an assistive technology specific unit at tertiary level.

These diverse experiences have given her unique insights into the learning needs of a range of audiences when it comes to assistive technology. Charlotte is passionate about supporting all to make assistive technology as easy to understand as possible, so people can spend more time doing everyday activities and less time being unsure what product is best suited to their needs and goals.

In her role at Medifab, Charlotte is responsible for supporting and training distributors and dealers across the paediatric product range, to lead to successful trials and product use.



## **Rachael Wiltshire**

Rachael Wiltshire is the National Community Educator for Auckland Disability Law. In this role, she delivers legal education seminars for Deaf and disabled people and their supporters on disability-related legal issues. Rachael's interest in the disability sector comes from her own experiences as an autistic person. She has previously been heavily involved with Altogether Autism, having served as one of their autistic advisors from 2020-2023. Rachael is particularly interested in education, and she is a current member of the Ministry of Education's Disability Voices Group.





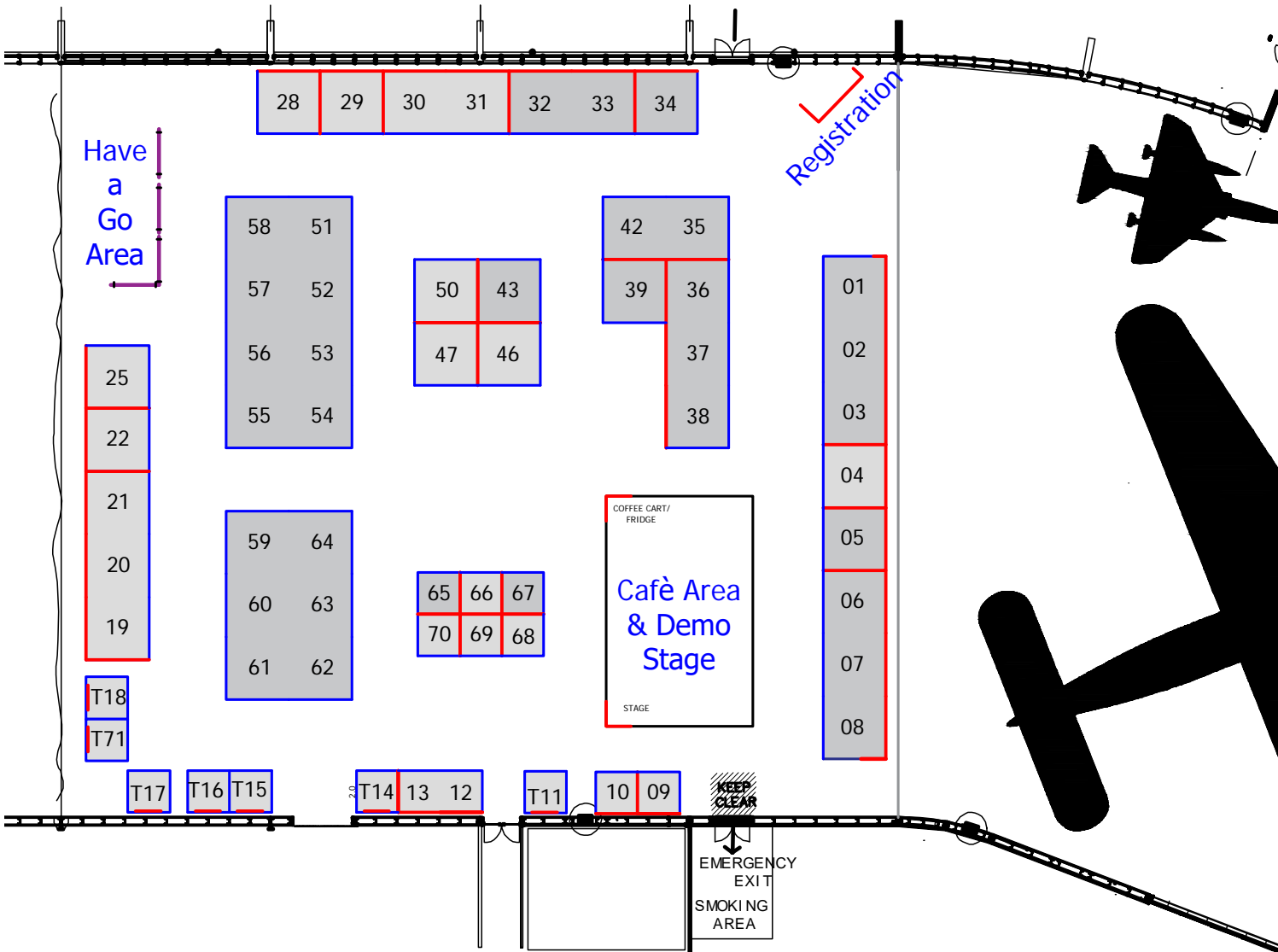
## Tim Young

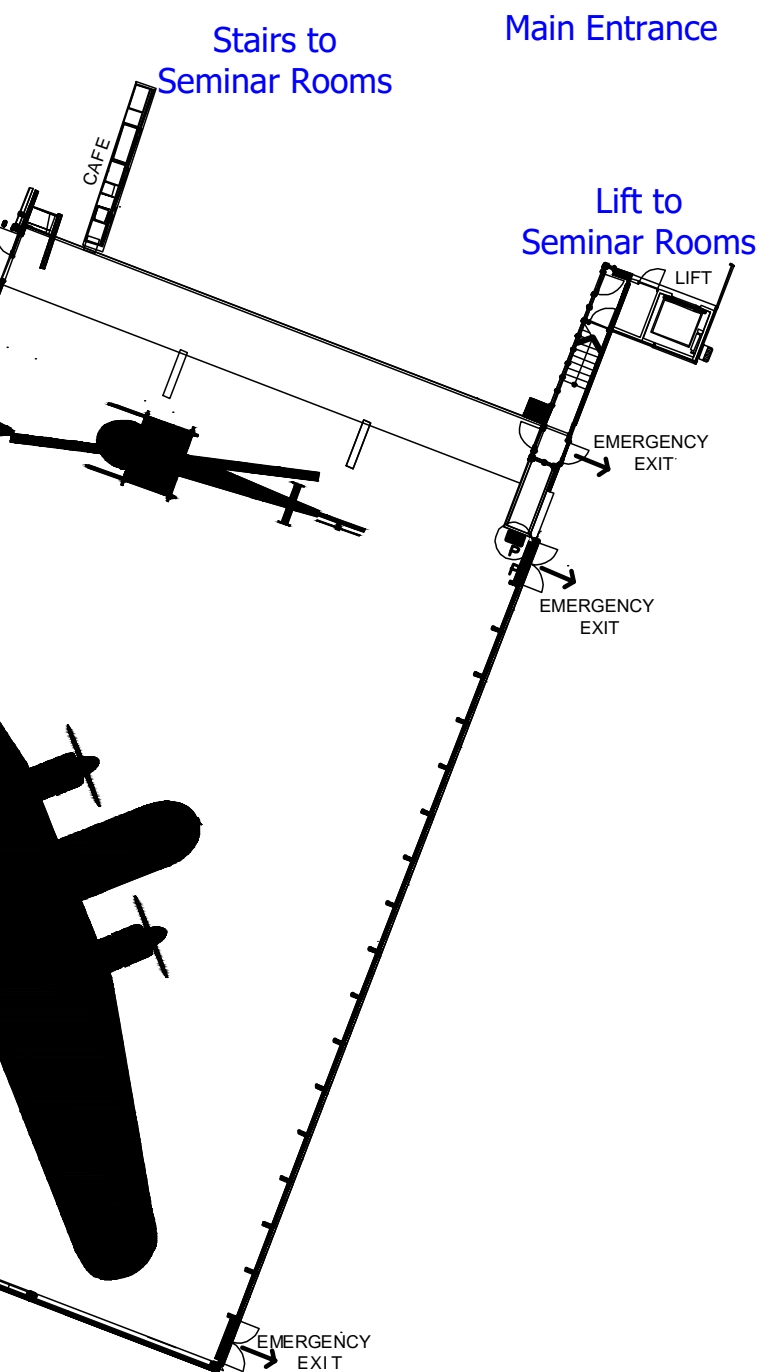
Tim uses his experience to improve outcomes and opportunities for disabled people in his role as Chief Executive of My Life My Voice. My Life My Voice facilitates a Peer Support Network nationwide, a Kaitūhono/Connector service in Mid-Central, and trains disabled people in how to use Artificial Intelligence.

Tim Young is the CEO of Smart Access, which has developed a navigation system for disabled people and other pedestrians. Tim started his business, which focuses on improving infrastructure accessibility, after facing many obstacles and uncertainty when travelling around the country as a tetraplegic and wheelchair user.

Tim has completed a MSc in Psychology, developed an educational video game, a work placement program for disabled job seekers, and Co-founded the Magical Bridge Trust to build more accessible playgrounds.

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