

Standards - relevance to your practice

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As assessors, prescribers and providers of posture and mobility equipment, it is our responsibility to ensure that the equipment we are offering will be safe and suitable for the user.

There is a range of British, European and International standards that the manufacturers can use to demonstrate that their products are fit for purpose, safe, and meet the requirements of the medical devices regulations. Understanding wheelchair and seating standards can help us exercise due diligence when selecting the best equipment to prescribe for users.

Some standards can also facilitate safe service provision, such as during a postural assessment, or when supporting those using their wheelchairs and seating in a vehicle.

This breakout session will provide delegates with an insight into:

- the breadth of standards topics, including dynamic stability, durability, electrical and environmental safety, and pressure distribution characteristics
- how test procedures may work at different manufacturers
- the aspects of standards that can support our daily work as clinicians and equipment providers.

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