

Is your performance affected by stability?

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Over recent years services have developed more sophisticated ways of measuring stability of a wheelchair. This workshop will give a brief overview of the different ways of measuring stability and explore the implications of our collective learning.

If you have ever measured wheelchair stability or been given the results of a stability test and thought “What does that really mean?” then this workshop is for you. This workshop will challenge some of the myths about stability measurement and question current practice.

Some services now have a significant body of data and we are beginning to better understand how to interpret and use this data clinically to confirm that the final configuration of the wheelchair is within reasonable norms and to assess the types and level of risk that need to be managed.

The presenters will provide some examples of how stability data has been used in their services including:

1. Evaluating the effectiveness of current prescribing practices,
2. Supporting prescribing guidance and managing risk,
3. Evidencing safe or unsafe practices when investigating adverse incidents,
4. Supporting “best value” choices over “lowest price” when selecting wheelchairs.

The presentations will assume no previous knowledge of stability measurement and will include no mathematical formulae.

In addition, stability is related closely to wheelchair performance; there are a number of other related variables that effect wheelchair performance and this workshop will highlight these and demonstrate an approach to clinical reasoning that brings these aspects together in a coherent way.

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