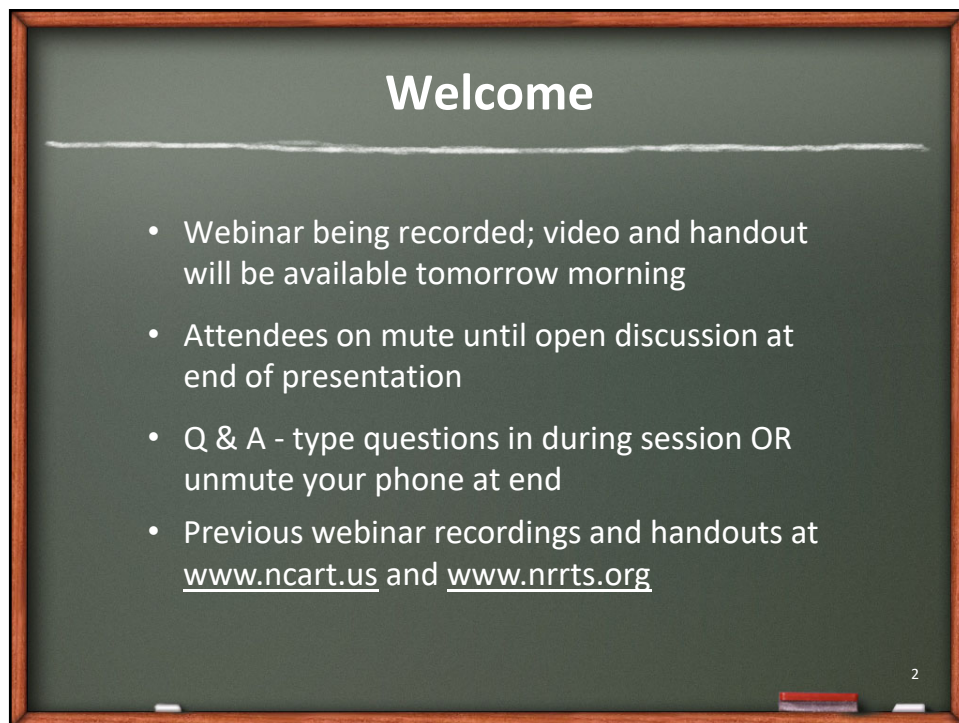




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7. International Seating Symposium
8. Discussion and Q & A

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## Congressional Update

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**House** in session through July 28 then out until Sept. 20  
**Senate** in session this week and next; State Work Period  
Aug. 6 - Sept. 13

- Great opportunity to meet with legislators back home
  - Make telehealth option permanent
  - CB payment relief
  - Power seat elevation and standing systems coverage
- American Rescue Plan funding to States
- Infrastructure and Reconciliation Bills

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## CRT Advocacy and News

### CMS Delays Medicare CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessories Payment Cuts until October 1

- Thanks again for collective CRT advocacy to get CMS to extend suspension of applying Comp Bid Pricing to reduce payment rates until September 30
- CMS will be using time to review our request for a PERMANENT policy decision, like it did for CRT power wheelchairs in 2017
- We have had a follow up discussion with the CMS team and will be checking back in early August

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## CRT Advocacy and News

### CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessories (cont'd)

- Continued thanks to Reps. Larson (D-CT) and Lee Zeldin (R-NY) and to Sens. Casey (D-PA) and Rob Portman (R-OH) for their continued leadership; and thanks to their Congressional colleagues
- Thanks also to our consumer and clinician group supporters
- We will be monitoring CMS developments as we move through August to determine other needed actions

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## CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

### Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems

- Coordination with the ITEM Coalition continues
- Still waiting for CMS to announce opening of the NCD “reconsideration” for public comments
- Reps. Langevin (D-RI) and Young (R-AK) sent letter to HHS Secretary Becerra urging next step
- Important to solicit supportive comments; educational website will be available to facilitate submissions to CMS

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## CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

### Permanent Telehealth After Public Health Emergency

- PHE has been extended to late October
- Coordinating advocacy with APTA, AOTA, and ASHA
- Our primary bill- “Expanded Telehealth Access Act” HR-2168; Reps. Mikie Sherill (D-NJ) and David McKinley (R-WV); specifies PTs, OTs, SLPs
- Use [www.protectmymobility.org](http://www.protectmymobility.org) to email your Members to cosponsor and ensure language included in any legislation passed

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## Upcoming Industry Events

- Abilities Expos (In-Person)- Houston: Aug. 6-8; Phoenix: Sept. 10-12; New York: Oct. 1-3
- VGM Heartland Conference- In-Person; Waterloo, IA; Sept. 13-15
- National CRT Awareness Week- Sept. 20-24
- NCART/NRRTS CRT Congressional Virtual Fly-In; Sept. 21
- International Seating Symposium- Virtual and In-Person; Pittsburg, PA; Oct. 28-30

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## National CRT Awareness Week

- Sept. 20-24
- Week-Long Celebration of CRT
- Designed to Increase Awareness About the People, Products, and Processes
- For All CRT Advocates
- A Time to Get Creative About Sharing the CRT Story
- Post on Social Media, Make a Video, Write a Blog Post, Host a Podcast, Interview a Friend, Share NCART Social Media Posts and Emails, etc.

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## CRT Virtual Congressional Fly-In

- Sept. 21 – CRT Virtual Congressional Fly-In
- Hosted by NCART and NRRTS
- Congressional Appointments Scheduled for You Once You Register
- Same Format as Annual CRT Conferences, but Virtual
- Advanced Prep Webinars and State Delegation Practice Sessions via Zoom
- Registration Open by July 30

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## Virtual CRT Congressional Fly-In

- Who Should Participate?

All advocates in Complex  
Rehab Technology!

- Clinicians
- Providers
- Manufacturers
- Consumers



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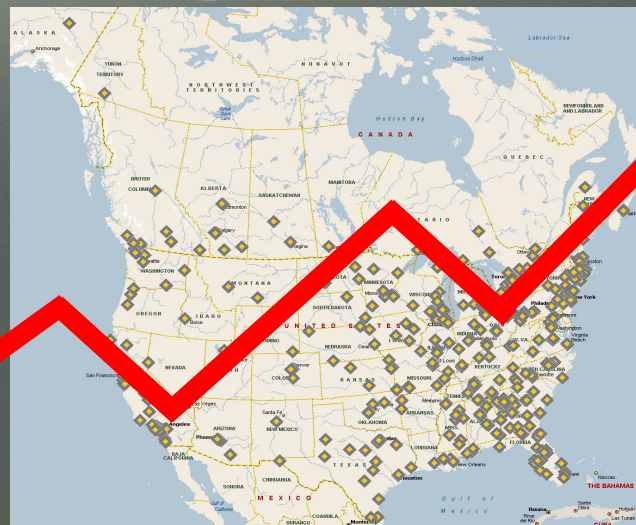
## Clinician Task Force

- Evidence-Based Response to Insurance Denials of Standing Devices
  - Released today! Find on CTF or NCART website.
  - Collaboration with NCART
  - Reviews:
    - Medical Benefits of Standing
    - Evidence and Clinical Practice Guidelines
    - Types of Standing Devices and Clinical Considerations
    - Reductions in Health Care Costs from Standing Devices
    - Overview of Coverage Criteria and Guidelines
    - Systematic Reviews That Address Supportive Standing

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## NRRTS Continues to Grow Across North America



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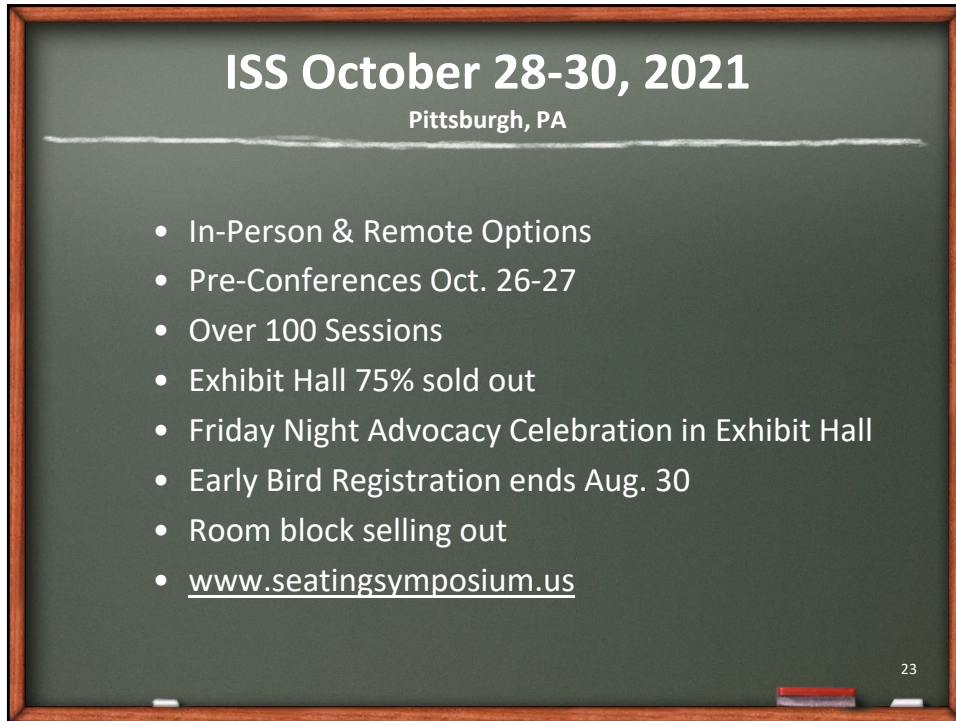
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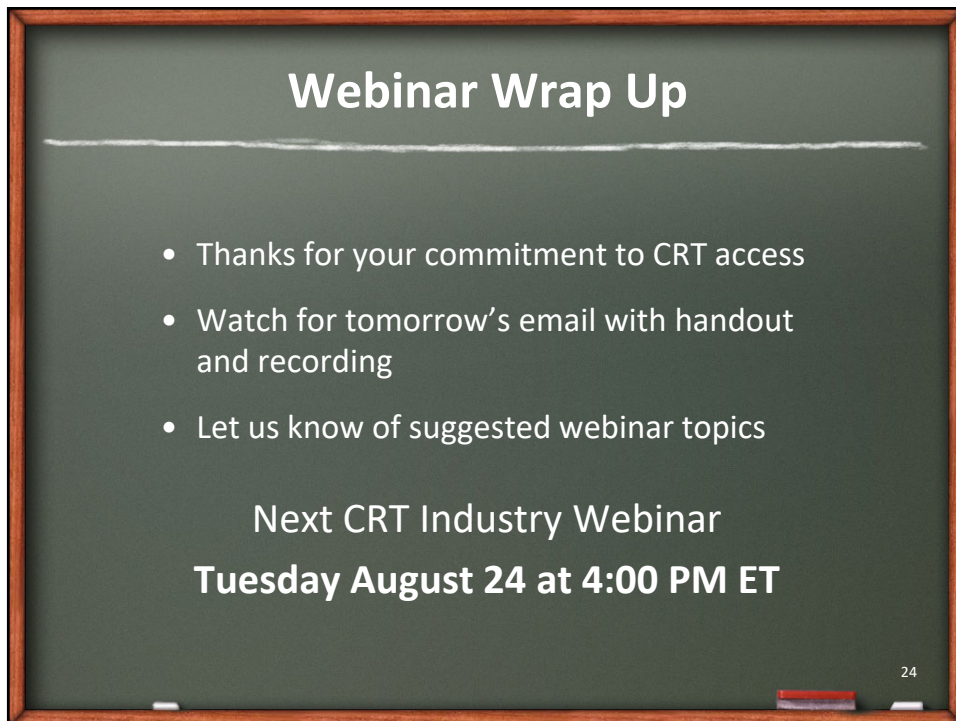


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**Webinar Wrap Up**

- Thanks for your commitment to CRT access
- Watch for tomorrow's email with handout and recording
- Let us know of suggested webinar topics

Next CRT Industry Webinar  
**Tuesday August 24 at 4:00 PM ET**

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