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Today's Topics

1. Congressional Update
2. CRT Advocacy and News
3. Telehealth- Don't Abuse It
4. Clinician Update
5. NRRTS Update
6. Unite4CRT Presentation
7. Discussion and Q & A

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Congressional Update

House and Senate in Session

Largely focused on reaching agreement on Omnibus legislation to keep government operating beyond 3/11.

CRT priority issues in discussions:

- Extend Telehealth flexibilities beyond PHE
- Extend Sequestration moratorium
- Provide additional industry relief

Public Health Emergency

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CRT Advocacy and News

NCART- 2022 CRT Access Initiatives

1. Obtain Medicare coverage of power seat elevation and power standing systems, including appropriate coding and payment rates.
2. Obtain relief/assistance for COVID-19 impacts such as supply chain issues and increased operating challenges/costs that manufacturers and providers are fighting through to supply their products and services to people with disabilities.

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CRT Advocacy (cont'd)

NCART- 2022 CRT Access Initiatives (cont'd)

3. Establish permanent availability of CRT Telehealth services (PT/OT) to ensure remote access beyond the expiration of the Public Health Emergency.
4. Develop updated plan for components of Separate Benefit Category initiative to secure needed improvements in CRT coverage, coding, payment, and standards.

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CRT Advocacy (cont'd)

NCART- 2022 CRT Access Initiatives (cont'd)

5. Establish a National CRT Repair Workgroup to improve coverage, funding, and response times.
6. State Work- Build on current state advocacy and increase activities and tools to prevent Medicaid payment cuts, enforce adherence to federal access regulations and policies, and communicate benefits and cost-savings from access to CRT.

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CRT Advocacy (cont'd)

Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems

- Meeting with CMS leaders held in late December
- Still waiting for CMS to announce opening of the NCD “reconsideration” for public comments
- ITEM Coalition and National Council on Disability following up on need for overdue CMS action
- Once public comments requested, important to solicit supportive responses; educational website will be available to facilitate submissions to CMS

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CRT Advocacy (cont'd)

Permanent Telehealth After Public Health Emergency

- Multiple conversations within Congress
- NCART position paper requesting Congress “make permanent” current COVID-19 CRT telehealth flexibilities for individuals with disabilities
- Coordinating our work with broader work of APTA, AOTA, and ASHA
- Take Action: go to www.protectmymobility.org for info and to email your Members of Congress

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Telehealth - Don't ABUSE it or We WILL Lose IT

- Prior to the PHE it was limited to rural beneficiaries, originating site, etc.
- During the PHE it was expanded nationally where the beneficiary could remain in their home
- Initially telehealth use grew quickly due to the ability to provide healthcare without in person contact
- Expanded beyond the treating practitioner to PTs and OTs for the LCMP wheelchair evaluation

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Telehealth - Don't ABUSE it or We WILL Lose IT

- Scheduled to revert to policy prior to the PHE unless policy is changed
- PHE is currently in place until mid Apr 2022 will be extended for another 90 days through mid July 2022
- CMS will give 60 days notice of end of PHE
- Likely will end in July 2022
- Future of telehealth is being discussed
- CMS has concerns with telehealth being abused

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Telehealth - Don't ABUSE it or We WILL Lose IT

- **Use IT not Abuse IT or LOSE IT**
- It shouldn't be a blanket for all
- Case by case with reason telehealth was used
- Reason primary care physician wasn't used either in person or telehealth
- Reason local PT/OT wasn't used either in person or telehealth

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CTF: DME MAC collaboration

- Barbara Crume and Rita Stanley
 - Jill Monger, Terri Oxender, Cindy Smith, Penny Powers, Erin Michael, Mary Shea, Tamara Kittelson, and Jessica Presperin Pederson
- Prospectively reviewed seating & mobility equipment policies
- Fall 2021, sent letter
- January 2022, meeting with DME MAC medical directors
 - DME MACs are looking further at the proposed ICD-10 codes
 - Power assist issue > joint RESNA/CTF position paper on Power Assist to provide expert opinion towards the need for this policy change

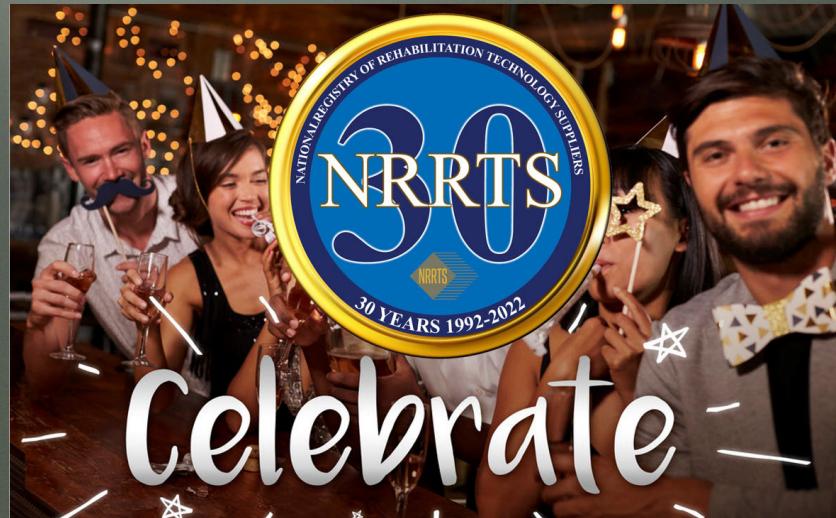
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CTF: 2022 Priorities

- Remain engaged in Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing System NCD Reconsideration Request
- Supported Standing position paper with RESNA
- Responding to denials and requests for additional information for recommended equipment
- Advocate for clinical best practice in seating and mobility across clinical settings

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NRRTS Is 30 The Story Continues on the Website Blog



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Growth Across North America



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2 Upcoming Webinars

NRRTS CE Live Webinar. Tuesday, March 22, 7PM ET



<https://b.link/gclv>

Getting Creative With Custom Molded Seating

Lindsay Veety, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS

NRRTS CE Live Webinar



<https://b.link/swmt>

The Seating and Wheeled Mobility Team

Tuesday, April 19, 7PM ET

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Lauren Rosen
PT, MPT, MSMS, ATP/SMS

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Upcoming Webinars

NRRTS Live Webinars for 2022

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Tuesday, March 22, 7PM ET
Getting Creative with Custom Molded Seating
Lindsay Veety, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS

Tuesday, April 19, 7PM ET
The Seating & Wheeled Mobility Team
Lauren Rosen, PT, MPT, MSMS, ATP/SMS

Wednesday, April 20, 3PM ET
From the Desk of the Reviewer
Your Chance to See What's Missing in CRT Documentation
Cathy Carver, PT

Thursday, April 21, 7PM ET
The Time Is Now
Introducing Power Mobility in the Pediatric Population
Jennith Bernstein, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS
Sponsored by *Permobil*

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Life On Wheels



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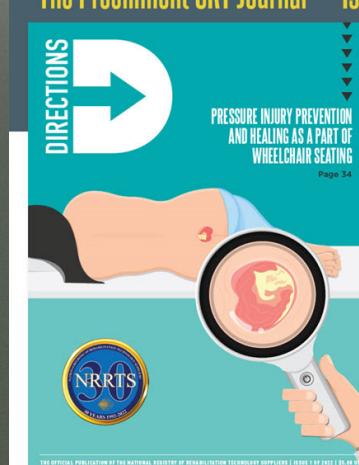
D K. SHANTEL PATTON: THRIVING IN HER DISABILITY **Read It On-Line**

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DIRECTIONS V1 2022



The Preeminent CRT Journal **Issue 1 2022** <https://nrrts.org/directions/>

Life On Wheels

Clinical Editorial

Rehab Case Study

Pressure Injury Prevention

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Weesie's World

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Rehab Case Study

REHAB CASE STUDY <https://b.link/V12022RCS>

 **The Role of Wheelchair Seating Intervention in Wound Healing**



Pressure injury prevention and healing requires a team approach. Thorough seating assessment and intervention plays a critical role in the overall wound care plan, including prevention and healing of pressure injuries.

CAITLIN BOLAND
PT, DPT, ATP, NCS, CBIS

CEU Article

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CONTINUING EDUCATION. WORTH THE INVESTMENT.

CEU ARTICLE

Jillian Cacopardo
MPT, ATP/SMS

Pressure Injury Prevention And Healing As A Part Of Wheelchair Seating



<https://b.link/V1202PIP>

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EVERY CLIENT WE SEE PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT AND LEARN FROM.



**Stefanie
Laurence,
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Unite4CRT

- Our mission
- Our Belief

We believe we can influence policy change with OUR VOICE.
OUR STORIES.



SCAN ME



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Unite4CRT

- Who should attend?
- How do I get involved?



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Join us for our next “Conversations”

Health Insurance Advocacy – March 29th
Lunch or Brunch
12 noon, 11 am CT, 10 am MT, 9 am PT



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Other Upcoming “Conversations” Topics

- April 26, 2022 - From childhood to teen to adult: How do your mobility needs change?
- May 24, 2022 - When your child is in a wheelchair - navigating the public school system
- June 28, 2022 - On the move: an introduction to movement, adaptive sports, and recreational activities



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Webinar Wrap Up

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

Next CRT Industry Webinar

Thursday May 5 at 4:00 PM ET

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