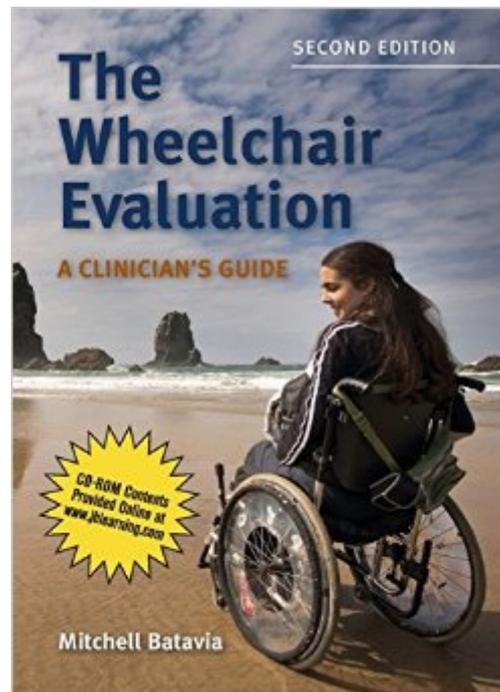


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The Wheelchair Evaluation: A Clinician's Guide



Synopsis

The Wheelchair Evaluation: A Clinician's Guide, Second Edition is an updated, practical, and concise reference on the wheelchair prescription process. It's perfect for students and clinicians in the health fields who work with physically disabled individuals in need of a wheelchair. This book is a portable, hands-on manual that implements a real-world approach to patient evaluation, choice of wheelchair components, documentation, and funding.

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Since much has changed in the world of wheelchair technology, funding, CMS coding and wheelchair standards in the past few years, I was eager to review the book for evidence of those changes. The book reflects professional expertise but is short on a few of the fine points that are important to end users. I am also a wheelchair seating and mobility clinician and have focused research interest in the area of wheelchair transportation safety. Since I believe the purpose of a wheelchair is to get people out and into the community, I think the entire issue of using a crash-tested wheelchair and crash tested occupant restraints was inadequately covered. If a wheelchair user cannot transfer safely or easily from a wheelchair and into a crash tested vehicle seat, then they should be informed that WC19 (a standard that describes the design, testing, and labeling of a crash tested wheelchair) wheelchairs are available and helped to find one that also meets their primary seating and mobility issues. Pelvic positioning belts should NEVER be counted on for occupant restraint in a vehicle. In fact, the use of crash-tested securement straps or a docking

systems along with a 3-point lap shoulder belt are essential for occupant protection in a vehicle. The smaller the vehicle (personally owned van) the greater the forces exerted on the passenger and the wheelchair. There was no mention of public transit or the ADA which now requires public transit buses to have 2 wheelchair securement stations. RESNA, the rehab engineering and assistive technology society of North America, has been a lead in developing these and other standards and promoting the use of a client-centered model of service delivery. New credentials for basic and advanced expertise in the delivery of assistive technology services are offered.

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