



Scientific/Educational Workshop

Workshop title

The Power to Overcome: Growth and sustainability in high rehabilitation technology programs

Workshop responsible

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Speakers

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Workshop goals

1. Understand a continuum of care involving rehab technology for walking and upper extremity recovery
2. Discuss elements that can help an organization sustain positive patient outcomes and use of technology in inpatient and outpatient environments
3. Discuss how new technologies may be evaluated and integrated in an already high-tech environment

Abstract

During Rehab Week 2015, we presented information regarding the iWalk program at Sheltering Arms and how knowledge translation was used to integrate technologies into a walking recovery program. Sheltering Arms, a non-profit organization, continues to invest in rehabilitation technology and integrates it successfully with standardized walking and upper extremity recovery programs. We have incorporated several new tools into these programs since our previous presentation and are able to serve people in newer, better ways. In some cases, donors allocate funds to technology for these programs because they see the opportunities offered to our community. This workshop will focus on discussing methods Sheltering Arms has developed to help sustain a high rehabilitation technology environment including use of knowledge brokers and cash-based wellness programs. The audience will leave with better understanding of how to ensure tools are used in the clinic and not left collecting dust.