

MEDIChair Show



Kristin and Dave Courtney are doing their usual “bang up job” organizing their 12th Annual Home Medical Product & Educational

Conference this week. The reception will be held April 25, 7-9pm at Quality Suites Hotel at 754 Bronte Road, just down the street from their first store. They will have live jazz this year with food, beverages, etc., to provide an atmosphere of networking and fun!

The Conference itself will be April 26, 9am-3:30pm at the Oakville Conference Centre and we will be exhibiting again along with 50 other companies from 9am-1:30pm.

The majority of registrants for this event are prescribing authorities OTs/Pts, but a targeted public portion is open from 11:30AM to 1:30 PM.

Oakville Mayor Rob Burton will present an award to the company with the most innovative new product.

Sitting Pretty Session

Improperly prescribed seating systems can result in people not realizing their potential, because they have not been provided with the opportunity to prove a difference in functioning. This session (workshop) will address how the assessment data can assist in determining product design and set up to help reduce potential changes in posture that can occur within the normal aging process.

This session will be conducted by **Sheila Buck** who is the owner of **Therapy NOW! Inc.**, in Southern Ontario, CANADA. Sheila is a renowned Occupational Therapist who has been working in the Seating and Mobility field for over 20 years and has presented papers and workshops at National and

International conferences on topics of basic and advanced positioning with emphasis on pressure management, cognitive functioning, and maintaining independent living skills and restraint reduction.

Sheila is the author of **“More Than 4 Wheels: Applying Clinical Practice to Seating, Mobility and Assistive Technology”** available at www.sheilabuck.ca.

We have completed the first two of five segments and are responding to the desire to have the last three sessions put into one time period for those travelling further. So, we will do a brief review of the first two segments and then the other three on **June 26th from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at our location 51 Caldari Road, Units 6-7B, Concord, Ontario L4K 4G3**. Please call 416-661-4499, fax 416-661-8903, or email 4@49bespoke.com your attendance so we can make sure we have your lunch ready!

Nationals in Montreal

We support the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association (CWSA) annually for the Coloplast Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Championships and the Judy Zelman Award. This year, the championships are held in conjunction with long time friend Monique Lefebvre’s Défi sportif AlterGo (DSA), which is presented by Hydro-Québec and will be held from April 23 and April 29, 2012.

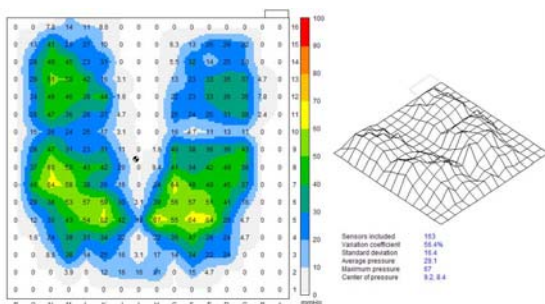
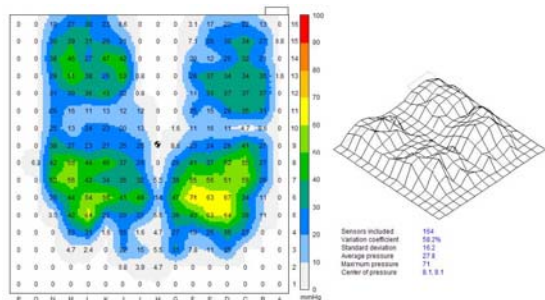
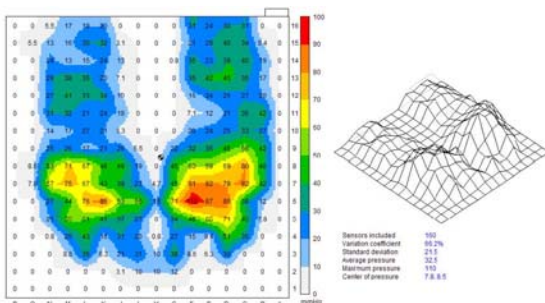
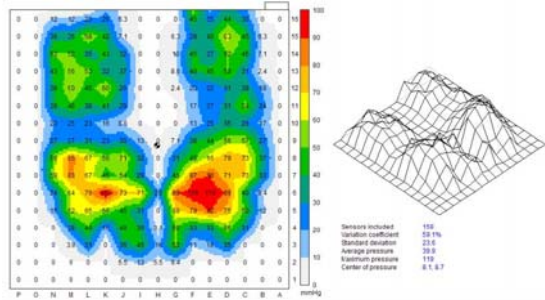
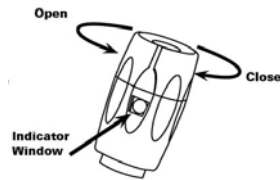


The new slogan for the Défi is “more than athletes” referencing the resilience of athletes with a disability and their happiness in life.

The Rugby Championships will be a showcase event at Défi where some 4000 athletes (many different sports for people with different abilities) will compete at six sites in Montréal and Longueuil, QC. This year the Défi will have representation from 15 countries.

VARILITE®

The Pressure Setting Valve (PSV) has 3 numbers shown in the window. The recommended setting of 2 is usually optimal. The internal pressure of the cushion is 0.2 psi and **VARILITE®** recommends this setting unless otherwise specified by a therapist. See the pressure mapping difference in fully inflated 1, 2, and 3 below.



Tsunami Little Wave

The Tsunami Little Wave's Canadian engineer focused on mobility, functionality, and great looks because every person using a chair should have the opportunity to have



one that looks great and fits. Murray Slaggerman put a number of features into the Little Wave including the ability to grow the chair width wise in addition to depth, and made sure there was an optional rotating 5th wheel permitting more aggressive positioning of the rear wheels, allowing and promoting midline wheel access.

All of the other features like multi-functional flip-under foot plate, innovative center of gravity adjustment independent of the back rest, light weight, easily removable and height adjustable stroller handles make it great for the rider and caretakers alike.

Some of these same features are also built into the Catalyst 5 Spark, a paediatric chair with width adjustability and now available throughout the Canada.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 12th MEDiChair Show April 26 Oakville, ON;
- 49 Rolling Rampage The Hill April 26th, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 CPA Chair Leader Event May 2 Parliament Hill;
- 49 CSMC May 8-10, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 People in Motion Show June 1-2, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 June 26, 2012 Mega Sitting Pretty Workshop.

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