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SCI Access Expo Toronto



The 2026 Toronto SCI Ontario Access Expo will be at the Lyndhurst Hospital August 20th, and it promises to be another special event for people invested in

this industry whether they are buying, selling, working, friends, family, or funding goods and services.

The promotion surrounding the Access Expo is accessibility empowers everyone to live a full life reaching goals and aspirations. There will be daily use and active living equipment abound. These products and services will enable people with disabilities to accomplish both everyday needs and extraordinary feats.

Between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM (and people usually linger around) you will see some of the latest technology, accessibility products, and be able to connect with the community over free food and inspiring ideas. Register at <https://www.sciontario.org/events/toronto-access-expo/>



and we will see you at the Lyndhurst Centre, 520 Sutherland Dr. Toronto, ON. You will be able to take a ride on the new IND Mobility product; A POWER TUBE

designed to change any manual chair into an ECHAIR. These chairs retain all the functionality to be 100% manual with quick release interchangeable wheels and a quick release Power Tube for the ultimate in manual or power performance.

Rehacare 2026

The Rehacare International Trade Fair for Rehabilitation, Prevention, Inclusion, and Care is at Messe Duesseldorf, September 23–26, 2026. We look forward to seeing 650 exhibitors from over 40 countries with their new product!

RG & Motion Composite



The Rehasense Group and Motion Composites announced that they have signed a compatibility agreement, enabling the use of Motion Composites carbon fiber wheelchairs with Rehasense Power Add-Ons and the Track Wheel. This collaboration expands mobility options for users by combining Motion

Composites' lightweight wheelchair technology with Rehasense (PAWS) innovative power-assist and all-terrain solutions. This is a positive development for the front power add-on market as more companies are seeing the benefit of front power equipment and the importance of ensuring that the companies ensure compatibility and safety for end users is paramount.

Batec Mobility has been a leader in this area for several years and continue to update their compatibility listing with wheelchair manufacturers around the world.

Congratulations Rehasense and Motion Composites for taking this initiative.

Batteries ISO13485

We hear and see numerous issues with lithium batteries on a weekly basis here in the GTA. The conversations surround what the community needs to do to alleviate the potential hazards. The discussions always remind me of an individual looking for a wheelchair for the first time with an understanding that they are all the same and anyone of them would do a perfect job. It is not the case. The battery issue could be resolved easily by ensuring that all industries comply with what our industry does which is to have ISO 13485 criteria for all devices.

To legally and safely transport lithium batteries used in Class 1 medical devices, they must pass strict



transportation and safety testing. Under ISO 13485, these test results must be fully documented, traceable, and integrated into your device's risk management file.

The regulatory framework is split between global transit laws and medical safety standards. UN 38.3 Transportation Testing (The Global Law) every lithium battery—whether shipped alone, with a device, or inside a Class 1 medical device—must pass UN 38.3 testing before entering any commercial transport stream (air, sea, or ground). Individual tests include the following eight areas: Altitude Simulation, Thermal Test, Vibration, Mechanical Shock, External Short Circuit, Impact / Crush, Overcharge, and Forced Discharge. **The Pass Criteria includes the battery must show zero fire, zero disassembly, zero rupture, and zero dangerous voltage drops across all tests.**

ISO 13485 certification ensures that lithium batteries on Class 1 power add-on medical devices meet the highest global safety and quality standards.

ISO 13485 is the gold standard international quality management system for medical devices, and it is much stricter than standard commercial manufacturing rules. It forces manufacturers to prove safety at every single stage of production guaranteeing Battery Safety, eliminating potential battery hazards like overheating, overcharging, etc., before the product ever reaches the public. Every single cell inside the battery pack is tracked back to its original tested source to prevent counterfeit or sub-par parts.

Certified companies must actively monitor their devices in the real world and quickly address any reported safety issues. The Bottom Line for the Public Lithium batteries in consumer electronics can vary wildly in quality. However, lithium batteries in ISO 13485 - certified Class 1 medical devices are tightly regulated, medical-grade systems designed specifically to protect public safety.

Stride/Needy Not Greedy

These two organizations are in Nepean and Niagara Falls respectively. They are both non-profit operations supported by volunteers and they procure donated medical and mobility equipment, sanitize, repair, and then make it available to people who need it and affordable pricing and sometimes simply a donation. They are both providing a fantastic service with safety, suitability, and affordability at their core. Check them out online and pay

them a visit when you are in their area. If you are so inclined, start one in your community to keep product out of landfills while making friends in need medical supply product.

Motion New President



Jeff Preston has been appointed President of Motion LP in Canada by Nu Motion. Jeff is no stranger to this industry as he serves as the President of Motion (operating as Motion Cares), Canada's largest mobility and home accessibility

solutions provider. He works alongside Sue Gilpin, who leads the overall executive team as the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Jeff joined Motion in 2012 and led Motion's brand, product, marketing, and clinical education initiatives for 14 years before this appointment. He has over 30 years of health care experience in assistive devices across private and public, retail and manufacturing sectors. He had previous roles with Centric Health, VGM Group, Drive Medical, Invacare Corporation, and Shoppers Home Health Care. He is a leader in government relations and advocacy activities within the sector having been appointed by the Ontario's Minister of Seniors and Accessibility to the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council (ASAC) in 2021. He served as President of Canadian Assistive Devices Association (CADA) and currently sits on the Board of the Ontario Home Medical Equipment Providers Association (OHMEPA) and proudly serves as a Board member for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo Aug 20, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Cruisers TryIt Event August 22, 2026, Mississauga, ON;
- 49 49 Bespoke BBQ August 28, 2026, Noon – 8:00 PM;
- 49 IWBF World Champs Sep 9-19, 2026, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo Sep 10, 2026, London, ON;
- 49 Abilities September 11-13, 2026, Phoenix, AZ;
- 49 CSMC September 15-16, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Rehacare September 23-26, 2026, Dusseldorf, DE;
- 49 OSOT.on.ca Virtual Conference October 23, 2026.

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