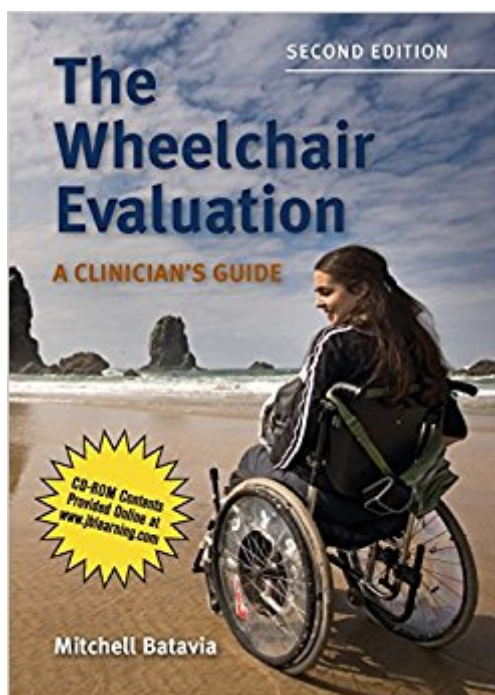


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The Wheelchair Evaluation: A Clinician's Guide



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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I bought this to be best informed when I attended my recent eval for a new chair. This won't be my first, but I've always felt that all factors weren't being taken into account at the seating clinic. This book is fairly detailed and covers technical, social and other issues related to mobility. Using this, I was indeed better informed about both the options available and the thought process that clinicians go through to fit a chair. It was an easy read and well worth the money

I am an MOT student and this book was EXTREMELY helpful while in school and will be a great resource when I am working in the field. It walks you through the entire evaluation and does a great job of explaining the ins and outs of the process, as well as discussing guidelines for insurance, etc. I would definitely recommend this book, and I am not one to normally praise a school

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. A rehabilitation engineering research center on wheelchair transportation safety offers up to date information on crash tested products, standards and best practice in all transportation modes at [...]. These will greatly supplement the information in this book. Mary Ellen Buning, PhD, OTR/L, ATP

Excellent reference book!

Highly Recommended! Excellent source for anyone wanting to know anything about wheelchair evaluations. None of this stuff is taught in school.

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