



# BESPOKEPLUS



"If your work speaks for itself don't interrupt"

## Motion Composites CEU



We enjoyed the recent webinar offered by Motion Composites as it is more end user centered and that is an ongoing issue in the industry. When there are funders needs that must be met and their prescribing authorities to work with, it is more and more difficult to see the end user as a customer and easier to see them as a client or patient.

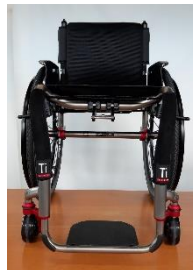
On December 07<sup>th</sup> Christie Hamstra, PT, DPT, ATP acted as speaker for a one-hour session labelled "Client Centered: We say it but are we doing it?". For those that require it, this event qualified as a CEU 1 hour, 0.1 CEU. The following overview was provided in the online notice for the event:

*When prescribing equipment, we try to be as client centered as possible. However, it is a balancing act to make sure the goals of the client are being met while accommodating for therapeutic goals as well. How much of your prescription would you say is based on the client's opinion and knowledge? What is the therapist's opinion and knowledge? How much is the dealer's opinion or motive? Or how much is based on the funding source?*

*There are many elements that come into play when prescribing a wheelchair and it can be difficult to make sure you are truly staying client centered. This presentation will review the process of a wheelchair prescription while managing the client, therapist, dealer, and funding source interests. We will review therapeutic models and college standards which highlight the therapist's goals and responsibilities as well as strategies to manage all priorities and opinions. We will highlight key points which lead to successful prescriptions as well as client satisfaction, decreasing the risk of equipment abandonment.*

This course was approved for continuing education credits through the University of Pittsburgh.

## Permobil Education



Most of the manufacturers have an abundance of training and education programs available. In the case of Permobil they have On-Site CEU/CCU Assessments, Educational Opportunities, On-Demand CEU/CCU Courses, Tech Training, and an online presence that puts the Regional Clinical Education

Manager one click away.

The latest webinar was a conversation with Andrea Dalzell on pushing the NYC Marathon, the importance of ultra lightweight wheelchairs, and being an advocate. Check it all out at [Permobil EDU - Canada](https://www.permobil.com/education/canada).

## BATEC - Decade & a Half



Batec Mobility's mission for the last decade and a half has been to radically improve the mobility of people with

physical disabilities. The impulse of the founder Pau Bach was and is to promote the mobility of people with disabilities to have a direct positive impact on their quality of life.

They have always designed and manufactured high-quality products that meet and exceed manufacturers' standards and medical device reporting requirements.

As an ISO company, they are intimately aware of new regulations and are constantly creating new products that meet the new standards. As electronic units become more and more complex, the manufacturing of parts and pieces becomes much more detailed, and there are many more options and possibilities for equipment.

Due to current global supply difficulties, they have informed customers that after sales issues can increase and they remind us of the products are warranted by the manufacturer as per the user manual, so please contact us as we are the official Batec distributor in the Canadian market and we will manage issues properly.

We appreciate the time and energy from folks working in the field and are most aware of everyone putting the end users needs first and foremost.

At 49 Bespoke, we work to resolve any issues and ensure that the end user has the positive experience with the product that the manufacturer is in the business to provide.

## Fall Prevention Month

November was fall prevention month and it is now in its sixth year. So, did you fall? The campaign was to raise



awareness about fall prevention in children and older adults and this year's theme was "Be Ready, Be Steady".

There is a comprehensive web site that provides a significant amount of information on this topic on the following web site: [www.fallpreventionmonth.ca](http://www.fallpreventionmonth.ca).



Marco Ferraro took the initiative to build a product that would help with getting back up off the floor if a person was to fall and it also provides an opportunity for a person to more easily get in and out of a hand bike or assist with any number of needs to go from 4-24 inches electrically! For more information email [marcof@universalmotion.com](mailto:marcof@universalmotion.com)

## NWBA HOF Nominations

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Hall of Fame (HOF) is now accepting nominations for competitors and contributors who made a significant contribution to the growth and playing of the sport of wheelchair basketball.

The 2023 HOF criteria and selection process, along with this year's nomination form can be found on the NWBA website at: [www.NWBA.org/HOF](http://www.NWBA.org/HOF).

NWBA Membership is not required to submit a nomination form so please share these details with the wheelchair basketball community! Nominations for the 2023 class are due no later than December 16, 2022, at 11:59pm PST.



## Canada Fuel Service



A new app to assist disabled drivers with refueling their vehicles has arrived in Canada! FuelService is currently being piloted by Shell Canada & Chevron across the country.

- Find Gas Stations That Offer Assistance**  
Wherever you are, find a gas station that offers assistance in refueling your vehicle.
- Check if They Can Help Before You Go**  
No more taking a chance to see if they can help. Just click a button to ask before you drive there. Alternatively just use to ask at the station.
- Tell Them When You Arrive**  
Click a button to tell them you have arrived, they acknowledge and tell you how long they will be.

The app is free, available for iPhone and android, and easy to use.

**fuelService**

It's a simple 3 step process:



1. Open the app and search for a station nearby for

assistance;

2. Pick a station and FuelService will contact the station to ask if they can help;

3. If the station can help, they let the driver know when an attendant will be out. For more information check out the site at: [www.fuelservice.org](http://www.fuelservice.org)

## Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities December 2-4, 2022, Dallas, TX;
- 49 Abilities March 10-12, 2023, Los Angeles, CA;
- 49 REE March 7, 2023, Richmond Olympic Oval, BC;
- 49 38<sup>th</sup> ISS Pittsburg, PA April 13-15, 2023;
- 49 Pedaling Possibilities May 2023, Canada.

**BESPOKE PLUS** is the newsletter of 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability.

We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. **Comments are welcome.**