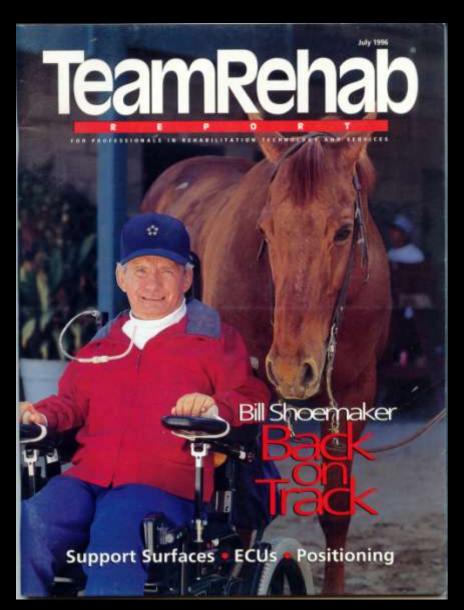
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SYMPOSIUM BREAK



Andria Segedy, TRR

MEMPHIS — Corrinne Carriere, left, of Ontario-based Special Health Systems and Jessica Presperin, O.T.R., Chicago, take a break at the International Seating Symposium in February. For more on the conference, turn to page 33.

Corrinne Carriere & Jessica Presperin

NRRTS Opens Doors To Members

ALEXANDRIA, Vs. — Membership applications are now being accepted by the National Registry of Rehabilitation Sectnosings Suppliers (SRRTS), a isomewrite organization designed to help clinicians, consumers and third party pages identify qualified suppliers, as well as issues the purchised of quality services.

"We want to try and locute as many suppliers as possible across the country who are doing this type of work and being thom together, so they have a common sense." NRRTS chair Advisors Falk Bergen, PT., Dynamic Medical, Westury, NY, sold Teamforket Report.

"Then, once we've done that and know there concerns, we will mane toward the certification process. Those people who are members will be privy to the process as we proceed," she said.

The NRRTS defines a rehab technology supplier (RTS) as a specialist who provides enabling technology in the areas of wheeled technility, sented and alternative positioning, ambulation resistance, environmental control and activities of daily living. To qualify for membership, applicants must

- be employed, for at least one year, by a medical equipment company, orthotic company, or other specialized facility that supplies schabilitation equipment, offers onesamers product choices and employs trained support staff;
- participate directly in the assessment process;
- work with manufacturers and/or contion fabrication to combine equipment features to meet specific client needs;
- provide fittings and delivertes as directed by the refeering professional;
- instruct the client on how to safely use equipment, offer information on maintenature and care; pass along available manufacturers' warranty information; and provide high quality service.

In addition, applicants must agree, in writing, to comply with the NRRTS Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

According to Bergen, the NSERTS hopes to receive several hundred applications. One of the problems, she noted, is that there are currently no statistics available on the number of RT% nationwide.



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"There are a certain number of companies who belong to the NAMES Rehab Section, but they're not representative of all the companies doing retail," she said.

Applications will be reviewed by regional hoards comprised of commisers, physicians, physical or occupational therapiles, what engineers and RTSs. The application for is \$25; membership thus are \$125 per year.

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NHHCE CHANGES NAME TO MEDTRADE

ATLANTA — Reflecting the increasingly diversified, summarismal scape of the U.S. medical products marker, The National Home Health Care Exposition (94HHCE) has undergone a same change. The 14-pear-old trade those will now be called MEDTRADE, Modical Products for the Global Marker Place, according to Tide Contrad, provident of SEMCO Medical Expositions, show

While the 56 billion home health care industry sill comprises the majority of the shees, Contrad said that there additional markets — international trade, rehab and speem medicine, and long turns case — here green in prominence.

On the global from, Contrad pointed to a "dramatic surge of international interest" in U.S. modical products, dring a 15.3 percent increase in the number of international buyers at last full's show. equipment and service, the NRRTS will develop requirements for continuing education courses needed for membership renewal.

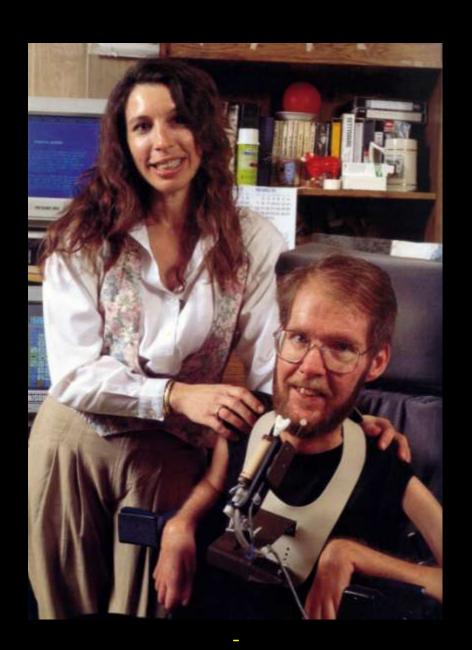
The NRRTS will also publish a Membership Directory for consumers, allied health professionals and third purry payers. The first directory will probably be not in the fall, Bergen said, and then updated once a year to addition, a responsaive complaint procedure will be initiated to address concerns from consumers, referred sources, manufactures and other RTSs concerning NRRTS members.

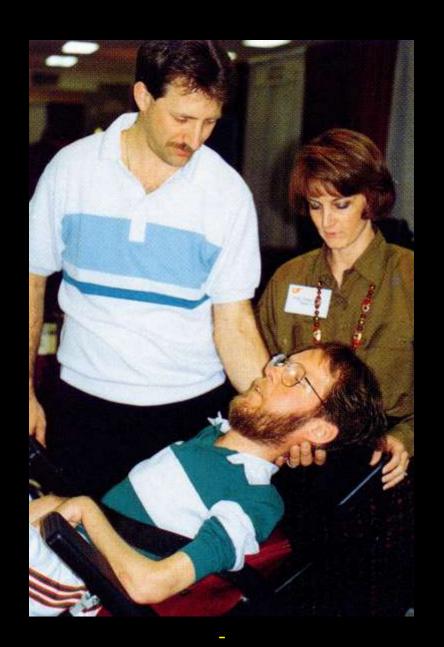
The board of directors, chaired by Bergen, consists of vier chair-chair elect, Simon Margelis, C.O., Berhabilitation Technologies Inc., Madison, Wis., secreding secretary. Jenica Presperin, O.T.R., comultant, Chicago, III., and ressure. David Miller, The MED Group, Lubhock, Texas.

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Members of the advisory council, which will act as a liamon between the NRRTS and the rehab industry, are: Peter

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2. Who participates in the evaluation?

3. Who assists with funding procurement?
4. Who provides warranty information,

maintenatur and repair, and follow-up services?

C. Gerald Warren, M.P.A., C. Gerald Warren & Assoc., Seattle, Wash., discussed the need for a QA program. "In the past, the model was venilou-driven," he rated. "Now we'n toying to make it assummer-driven. We wan to involve the ATP (assistive tachnology provider) and the RTS.

"Only by developing a QA program with criteria for AT unerventions and outcome manutes can we expect to increase the effectiveness of and the satisfaction with the interventions," he added.

The next meeting of the International Seating Symposium will take place February 15-18, 1994, in Vancouver, B.C.

A seating and mobility design contest is being field in conjunction with the symposium. The winner will receive free con-

ss? ference registration and accommodations.

Entry deadline is November 30, 1993.

Contact: David Cooper, Sunny Hill Haspital For Children, Vancouver, B.C. V5M 3ER: 604/436-6527, ■



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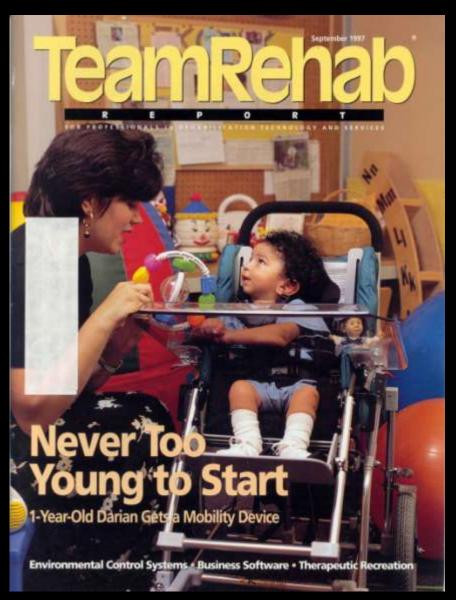
Jennica Prespecto, O.T.H., left, at the NRHTS meeting with Susan Johnson Taylor, O.T.S., Shephani Spital Correr.



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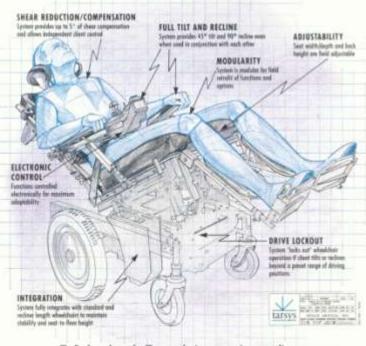
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NIDRR's New

Director Katherine Seelman plans to address the information highway, health care reform and consumer involvement.



By Peter Tressel. TownSchub Report

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"NIDRR will strive to be proactive in responding to consumers."

-Katherine Seelman

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Minkel's Mission

y Kimberly Platt, TeamRehab Report

can bloker's work day never really ends. A physical therapist and surspecken advisorafor rehabilitation technology, she has natcentrally intertwined a commutaneous to tert contact and assistes technology with a larve of durating others. In the presents the has centificated would of knowledge back to the reliab field.

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But for all her accomplishments, Mishal surrous point penud of the minimizing whe's entablished in at 11 years as a physical therapies—relationships ofti communers, colleagues, students and even, when consing over the line into product and one-site, with sunerlations—

"I don't know of too many other perfectional side where people who could be in competition th such other are exactly the apposite—they'm slaborative and sharing said upon," she says. "It's at it's what attransion me to the Geld."

After receiving her M.A. in physical therapy om Stanford University, she worked as Maschusetts Hospital School or Castin, Mass., a sectionally based pediatric facility where the inno had many expipence needs. These was a set for me to be involved with chart intimately," or modils. "It give me an approximition for the modef facilities."

She then agent two years at Blythedale Chiltra's Biopsia in Valladla, N.Y., which employs a new-developmental instalmust approach. "What I sented for myself professionally was that I was not talismed as bands-on evariant as I was in senting e-child up as the right chair," she says.

She decided to look for a position that would after her to work with equipment full inter. It was see that the offer came siring to help start up the enter for Reliabilitation Technology (CRT) at sless Hayer Hospital, West Harmman, N.Y. "If tains overe me., I had Just hashed in nime." she is of the coordinate.

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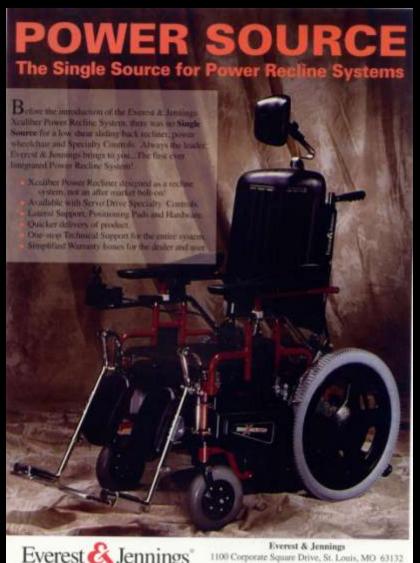
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Bob Williams learned early on that he could effect change by taking action.

By Kimberly Pfaff, TeonRehalt Report

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"The second thing ... was that we had a great deal in common with flow in the civil rights revenuent of that one. This is where more of my actions that thereof from."

"My anger at the injustice of ... prejudice soon followed and it has never completely left me."

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Speaking of what he torms a "disability pecking order," Williams mian-

NRRTS OKs University Program for RTSs

nrollment in the first university-based continuing education program for rehabilitation technology suppliers (RTSs) is expected in early 1996 at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Health and Rehabilitation Science's Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology.

In addition, the University is expected to develop an RTS certification review course to help RTSs prepare for the RTS certification exam.

The exam, expected to be ready in early 1996, is being developed through a joint agreement between the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers (NRRTS) and the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA).

NRRTS and the University agreed on the following for the continuing education program:

 It would be available to all RTSs, but would not be mandatory for certification or continuing NRRTS membership.

- The curriculum would be developed in modules. An advisory board of NRRTS members, University faculty and other experts will identify the curriculum content and suggest module authors.
- The goal of the modules would be to develop an education program that combines University-based

and home-based learning. Eventually, the program would be presented through interactive satellite networks possibly based at local community colleges.

For more information, contact: NRRTS, 3223 S. Loop 289, Suite 600, Lubbock, Texas 79423; 806/797-7299, fax: 806/797-8420.



Newly elected NRRTS board members are, from left: directors-at-large Jan Funamasu, P.T., Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, Downey, Calif., and Cyndi Jones, publisher, *Mainstream* magazine, San Diego; president Simon Margolis, C.O., Otto Bock, Minneapolis; secretary Denise Swango, Metro Rehab Services, Evergreen Park, III.; and vice president Dan Lipka, O.T.R./L., Miller's, Akron, Ohio.



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