

## **Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) Awareness Day is September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **UNITE4CRT is a small group with an Extra Loud Voice.**

We want to encourage every person who is a wheelchair user, supplier, therapist, caregiver, and friend to use our voices as a catalyst for change.

### **What kind of change are we talking about?**

We want everyone to think about mobility as a human right.

This includes insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, businesses, housing authorities, schools, communities, and \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank).

We want the community to appreciate that complex rehab technology (CRT) is equipment that is **medically necessary** and **individually configured**. It can be manual wheelchairs, power wheelchair systems, adaptive seating systems, alternative positioning systems, and other mobility devices that require evaluation, fitting, configuration, adjustment, or programming.

This equipment is essential for independence and opportunities for a happy, healthy life.

**We would like for you to join us during the day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for panel discussions, mini-sessions, and videos that will focus on YOUR mobility. We will talk about the issues you face in your efforts to obtain the equipment you deserve.**

**We'll be live on Facebook, too!**

Check out the schedule! **All times are EASTERN Time**

**9 am – 9:45 am**

### **Mobility: Exploring the Wheelchair User's World**

The language used to describe wheelchairs may help or hinder people's perception of this life-changing equipment and its importance to independence. In this session we will hear from wheelchair users and answer the question, "Why is my mobility important?"

Panelists include: Jenny Border, Tamara Kittelson, Chris Collin, Madonna Long, Ali Ingersol. Moderated by Karen Roy

**9:45 am – 10 am – User Videos**

**10 am – 10:15 am – Cathy Carver "Come Roll with Me"**

**10:15 am – 10:30 am – "Connection" video**

**10:30 am – 10:45 am – Linda Norton mini-session, "The Canadian Perspective"**

**10:45 am – 11 am – User Videos**

**11 am – 11:15 am – Kelly Narowski mini-session, “Traveling with your Wheelchair – What to Expect”**

**11:15 am – 11:45 am – Ali Ingersol mini-session, “How to Write your Own Letter of Medical Necessity”**

**11:45 am – 12 noon – User Videos**

**12 noon – 12:45 pm**

### **From Advocate to Activist: Make Your Voice Heard**

Listen and learn as we talk about the journey from advocate to activist for Complex Rehab Technology. Walk with us through the stages we’ve encountered on our personal quest for access to equipment: personal awareness, educating the public, and active engagement with legislators and others to make change happen.

Panelists include: Jean Minkel, Kyle Romano, Jenny Siegle, Molly Hale, Ali Ingersol, Sharifa Abu-Hamda, John Box, and Jenn Wolff. Moderated by Bill Noelting.

**12:45 am – 1:15 am – Best of Talk Rehab - Bill Noelting Productions shares the best of his podcasts**

**1:15 – 2 pm**

### **Family Focus: Tools You Can Use**

This panel of family members and caregivers will share advice, programs, and their own experiences to help you facilitate your family member’s independence and quality of life.

Panelists include: Claire Shrader, Barb Siegle, Jeremy Hale, Carolyn Fernbaugh, Lori Collin. Moderated by Jenn Mendenhall

**2 pm – 3 pm**

**Best of NRRTS Webinars, Best of Unite4CRT Conversations, The Value of NRRTS**

**3 pm – 3:45 pm**

### **Connecting with Your Seating Team: Are You in the Driver’s Seat?**

How do you connect with your Seating Team to get the most out of your wheelchair evaluation and delivery process? We will discuss practical ways you can take charge and help the process go smoothly.

Panelists include: Gerry Dickerson & Will Fargas, Dave Nix & team, Tom Simon & team, Barbara Crume & team. Moderated by Weesie Walker and Jenny Siegle.

**3:45 pm – 4 pm – Ben Huntzinger mini-session**

**4 pm – 4:30 pm – User Videos**

**4:30 pm – 4:45 pm – Jamie Santillo mini-session, “Plan a Vacation: Traveling with a Wheelchair”**

**4:45 pm – 5 pm – Chat Time – say “hello”, ask questions, meet the NRRTS/Unite4CRT Team**

**5 pm – 5:45 pm**

### **The Power of Your Mobility**

We believe that mobility is a human right. Join Jean Minkel and Sharifa Abu-Hamda as they explore the reasons all people have a right to Ready, Reliable, Available Mobility.

**5:45 pm – 6 pm - Chat Time – say “hello”, ask questions, meet the NRRTS/Unite4CRT Team**

**6 pm – 7 pm**

### **Access: Strategies for Success**

This session will highlight the issues and problem areas for access to Complex Rehab Technology. We will determine some issues important to you and deliberate on strategies that will help you to promote meaningful change.

Panelists include: Joseph Nahra, Rita Stanley, Molly Hale, Karen Roy, Chris Collin, Jen Mendenhall.  
Moderated by Weesie Walker and Jenny Siegle.

We look forward to your involvement in this exciting event!

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/CRTAwarenessDay>

