



Exhibitor Interactive Workshop  
Wednesday  
F 9.30 am and G 1.00 pm

## **VOLKER**

### **BED TO CHAIR TRANSFERS – A RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY**

No-one doubts the importance and benefits achieved from a good seating position. Early mobilisation and the ability to get clients into chairs as part of their medical treatment and rehabilitation have positive clinical outcomes.

There are numerous ways to transfer clients from bed to chair. Any transfer has inherent risks and require risk assessment, planning and adequate control measures including training and the use of equipment. The risks are weighed against the benefit for the client.

Tradition has focused on manual techniques ranging from client independence to assisted transfers and the use of mechanical aids. However the Manual Handling Operation Regulations 1992 require that we avoid hazardous manual handling where possible and reduce the risk to the lowest level where the handling cannot be avoided. This session will therefore demonstrate a unique risk reduction strategy that maintains client independence and ability where possible; meets the clinical needs of the client, optimising clinical outcomes and also avoids the need for manual handling.