

Seating Supplement Foreword

This supplement on Seating follows a similar supplement on 'Wheelchairs published in the April 1991 issue of this Journal. Both are drawn from material presented at "Dundee 88" an International Conference on Wheelchairs and Seating.

This supplement commences with a discussion of the surprisingly wide-ranging physiological considerations involved in seating. An understanding of the causes of deformity is an essential foundation to the provision of seating and is described in the second paper.

The need for detailed assessment of childrens' needs in the provision of seating is emphasised in a paper extending from the biomechanics of sitting to prescription practice. These themes are developed further to encompass people of all ages, with practical examples from specific case studies.

The final papers tackle the important problem of pressure sores, first discussing their causes and measurement of interface conditions leading into an evaluation methodology for cushions.

Together with that of the April 1991 issue, this supplement provides valuable additions to the written body of knowledge concerning wheelchairs and seating. I am grateful to the authors for their hard work in preparing these papers and making these supplements possible.

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