

**POLICY E.11**

**Subject: Assistive Technology and Complex Rehabilitation Technology**

**Code: RA Motion 2015AprC5**

**PURPOSE:** To state the Association's position on assistive technology (AT) and complex rehabilitation technology (CRT).

**IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT:**

1. Individuals with disabilities commonly require assistive technology to meet their medical and functional needs.
2. Complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) is a subset of assistive technology (AT) including but not limited to individually configured manual wheelchair systems, power wheelchair systems, adaptive seating systems, alternative positioning systems, and other mobility devices.
3. Occupational therapists are key members in the CRT interprofessional service delivery team and are responsible for the following:
  - Performing the physical and functional examination, evaluation, and diagnosis of the client and environmental factors related to CRT
  - Developing the CRT prognosis and plan of care and assisting with the CRT specifications including but not limited to identifying therapeutic goals and expected outcomes related to the CRT intervention and training, assisting with CRT trials, simulations and identifying the person to technology feature match, and preparing clinical justification and medical or other appropriate documentation
  - Participating in implementing the CRT intervention including assisting with the CRT fitting and providing function related training in use of CRT
  - Determining CRT outcomes and follow up
4. Occupational therapist recommended AT and CRT devices are critical to clients with disabilities to address and prevent body structure and functional limitations to maintain or increase their activity and participation in society.
5. The Association supports appropriate access to and funding for the provision of assistive technology appropriately suited to the clients' needs including but not limited to CRT for individuals with disabilities.

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6. Occupational therapy practitioners are recognized and should be appropriately paid for providing clinical services related to complex rehabilitation technology.

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