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Inter-Action Rehabilitation Inc.

is celebrating 26 years of providing rehabilitation services to our communities.

THIS ISSUE FEATURES:

Paediatric Speech Language Pathology Program

Introducing new team members

Courses, Workshops, In-Services

Presentations

Toronto & Whitby clinic new locations

NEW SERVICES

We are pleased to offer:

Massage Therapy

Advanced Vestibular Assessment & Rehabilitation

Acupuncture

Physiotherapy in the Aurora area

Paediatric Team PT, OT, SLP at our 3 locations

**CONGRATULATIONS to ROBIN KADANOFF O.T. REG. (ONT.) who is now a
Canadian Certified Life Care Planner.**

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Feature Article

PAEDIATRIC SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM

The speech language pathology program of Inter-Action Rehabilitation Inc. provides a broad spectrum of communication related services, to meet the speech language and social communication needs of children and their families in the greater Toronto area. At Inter-Action Rehabilitation Inc., we evaluate each child, determine strengths and areas of concern, address family concerns, and develop an individual treatment plan that will incorporate the most appropriate therapy approach and techniques for the child. When appropriate, we educate families on the techniques that are utilized during each session and then provide ideas of carryover into your daily activities. Goals are often reached by using play-based, child-centered, family-friendly approaches. We are providing solutions that allow children to reach their full potential in all areas of communication.

The speech language pathology program offers the following services: comprehensive speech, language, and cognitive-communication assessments, individual therapy for children who present with acquired brain injuries, speech/articulation, language, social communication, voice, stuttering, pre-literacy, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and feeding therapy, parent education, consultation, and collaboration with other service providers.

In addition to traditional therapy techniques, we are trained to complete the following approaches: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) – AAC provides a means of communication for people with complex communication needs who are not able to use speech as their primary mode of communication. We can provide assessment, intervention, and device training for children and their families who use AAC. Our goal is to help improve their communicative competence and become more efficient communication partners.

Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) – The Picture Exchange Communication System is a non-technological augmentative communication system using picture symbols that is designed to help children acquire a functional means of communication. PECS is appropriate for children who do not use speech or who may speak with limited efficiency, children who present with articulation or motor planning difficulties, limited communicative partners, lack of initiative in communication, etc.

Visualizing and Verbalizing for Language Comprehension and Thinking (V/V) – created by Nanci Bell. The V/V program identifies visualization as a primary factor crucial to language comprehension and critical thinking. Language comprehension is the ability to connect to and interpret oral and written language. The program also helps children recall facts, find and understand the main idea, make an inference, draw a conclusion, and to predict what may happen next.

Oral Motor and/or Feeding Therapy Approaches: Debra Beckman, and Sarah Rosenfeld Johnson's Oral-Motor and feeding programs.

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JOINING OUR TEAM!

Welcome to

Lucia Fotopoulos joins us as receptionist.

Physiotherapists

Colleen Hunt is a physiotherapist registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, and a member of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. She graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a B.Sc (Hons.) in Physical Therapy. She is trained in Neurodevelopmental Treatment/Bobath and Vestibular Rehabilitation. She has extensive experience in neurological and orthopaedic rehabilitation of adults and children in acute care, in-patient rehabilitation, day programs, and community settings. Colleen has worked cross-culturally in Africa in community-based rehabilitation programs: She initiated community rehabilitation programs in over 20 communities, training caregivers and volunteers in home programs. She was sole physiotherapist at a disabled children's school of 150 students.

Emma Dickinson is a physiotherapist registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a Master of Science degree in Physical Therapy after completing an undergraduate degree in Human Kinetics from St. Francis Xavier University. She has experience working in acute care, and in the community with a variety of musculoskeletal and neurological conditions. Emma has post-graduate training in manual therapy, acupuncture, Bioness, and the treatment of adults with hemiplegia. She has her NDT certificate with adults.

Speech Language Pathologist

Ereeny Hanna is a Speech-Language Pathologist certified by the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists and by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. She is registered with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario and with the Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. She graduated from York University, with a B.A. in Linguistics and from Wayne State University, Michigan, with an M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology. She has experience working in acute care settings, outpatient rehabilitation facilities, and community settings with adults and children with various speech, language, voice, fluency and swallowing disorders including aphasia, dysarthria, dyspraxia, dysphonia, stuttering, cluttering, articulation and language delays/disorders and cognitive-communication deficits.

Occupational Therapist

Karen Azavedo is an occupational therapist registered with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario. She graduated with a Masters in Occupational Therapy from University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, Florida. In addition to her Occupational Therapy qualifications, she has a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology and Zoology, from University of Toronto. She has worked as an Occupational Therapist in Canada and the United States. Ms. Azavedo has gained experience working in rehabilitation and community settings and has worked in orthopaedic, cardiorespiratory, amputee and neurological rehabilitation. She has post graduate training relating to visual perceptual dysfunction, neurodevelopmental treatment (NDT) and paediatric assessment and treatment including sensory integration.

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WORKSHOPS

For ongoing information on workshops taught by Inter-Action Rehabilitation Inc., please check our website at: www.interactionrehab.com.

POST GRADUATE TRAINING

*Workshops & Conferences
Attended by Inter-Action
Rehabilitation Inc.
Consultants Including
In-services
2010*

- ❖ Merging Science and Practice: NDT Treatment of Upper Extremity Function
- ❖ Saebo Workshop
- ❖ Creating and Sustaining Meaningful Change: 9th Stroke Symposium & 31st Annual Meeting of the Inter-Urban Stroke Academic Association
- ❖ Navigating the New SABS: Practical Solutions
- ❖ New Directions in the Changing World of Auto Insurance
- ❖ New SABS, New Rules of Civil Procedure
- ❖ Lumbar Manipulation and Mobilization
- ❖ Renewed HCAI
- ❖ ABI Network Conference
- ❖ Making Memory:
Cognitive Support Technology for Intellectual and Memory Disabilities, ATIA
- ❖ 25th Annual Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference
- ❖ Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Challenges & Controversies in Treatment
- ❖ Attendant Care: From Paper to Practice
- ❖ Bioness Workshop – Bioness Ness L300 Drop Foot System
- ❖ Introduction to Life Care Planning
- ❖ Advanced Vestibular Rehabilitation
- ❖ Current Concepts in Balance, Fitness & Mobility: The Link to Clinical Practice
- ❖ From Hospital to Home The Continuum of Care after Spinal Cord Injury
- ❖ Constraint Induced Movement Therapy
- ❖ Vestibular Rehabilitation: A practical approach
- ❖ Myofascial Release
- ❖ NDT Certification Course
- ❖ Level 2 Lower Extremity Manual Therapy

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

- ❖ 9th Stroke Symposium & 31st Annual Meeting of the Inter-Urban Stroke Academic Association,
- ❖ “The Neurological Hand”
- ❖ Advanced Bobath Workshop Montreal: “Integrating MFR & Bobath”

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