Stroke Rehabilitation On the Move With New Saebo Technology

Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab is offering new hope for stroke survivors.

Hope comes in the form of the newest addition to Saebo technology, the SaeboReach.

SaeboReach is designed to provide improved upper body movement to patients who suffer from paralysis after stroke.

Stroke is the number one case of serious, long-term adult disability in the United States. Of those affected by stroke, 33 percent of survivors need help caring for themselves, 70 percent cannot return to their previous job and 51 percent are unable to work at all.

Focusing on the movement of not only the hand and wrist, but also the elbow, the SaeboReach is helping survivors take back their independence.

With a custom-fabricated above-elbow cuff, as well as an extension, the SaeboReach encourages usage of the once immovable elbow for reaching in grasp and release exercises.

Used as part of a comprehensive therapy program, this spring loaded extension system has been shown to improve arm function in individuals years after their stroke.

One patient regained limited arm mobility 57 years after losing the ability to use his arm.

Not only is SaeboReach effective, the cost of the device is also covered by most insurance carriers, including Medicare.

Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab is bringing this technology to those who need it by offering a free eligibility screening on Sept. 4, 2008 from 1 until 5 p.m. Saebo-trained therapists will be available to determine the eligibility of patients for the SaeboReach.

If you or a patient would like to learn more about SaeboReach, you can reserve your place at a free screening by calling Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab at 706.509.3442.

Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab is the only facility offering the Saebo technology in the Greater Rome area.

SaeboReach Quick Facts

- Patients with post-neurological injury can benefit from the orthoses.
- Typically some or all of the cost is covered by insurance as long as the order for the orthosis is accompanied by a physician prescription and a letter of medical necessity.
- Therapists must attend specific education classes offered by Saebo, Inc. to become trained in the orthoses.
- Call Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab at 706.509.3442 to speak with one of our three Saebo trained therapists.

Eligibility Screening

Thursday, September 4
1 - 5 p.m.

Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab
304 Shorter Ave., Rome, GA

No Physician’s Order Required

Call 706.509.3442 to register
Speech Therapy
Encourages Social Skills

Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab has added new opportunities for patients with Autism Spectrum and Asperger's disorders through speech and language therapy.

The newly implemented programs are focused on social skills and interactions. Throughout the summer break, peer groups ranging in age from 8 to 12 learned about such topics as, bullying, self-confidence, initiating conversation and play with peers and turn taking.

Families were provided with information about how to ensure healthy and successful peer relationships.

Also in process is advancement in Auditory Processing Disorder.

Although it is a new area of interest among physicians, we are striving to meet these needs.

Armed with a battery of assessment and evaluative tools, we are able to provide remediation techniques and resources to assist in classroom success.

To enroll a patient in these new opportunities, call Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab at 706.506.3442.

New Conveniences & Additions for Sports Medicine

Floyd Physical Therapy and Rehab Services is recognized as the most comprehensive rehabilitation facilities in the region. In our drive for continued excellence, Floyd has added even more conveniences for Sports Medicine patients.

Our On-Site Athletic Training program is now serving Armuchee, Darlington, Rome and Woodland High Schools as well as the Rome-Floyd County YMCA and Shorter College.

In addition, Floyd has added two new employees: Erin Kinnear PT, DPT, CSCS and Matthew Provenzano, DPT.

Kinnear is a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland. She earned her undergraduate and doctorate of Physical Therapy Degree from the University of South Alabama, with a concentration in Sports Medicine.

A certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, she is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Kinnear was formerly an international athlete in gymnastics and track and field, competing for Ireland. She was a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year in 2006-2007 and she holds the national record for Ireland and the University of South Alabama school record for pole vault.

Provenzano graduated from Baylor High School in Chattanooga, Tenn. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Provenzano also holds a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Expanded Office Hours
7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Open early, late and during lunch for the convenience of our patients.