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The role of rehabilitation in effective interdisciplinary management of the rehab-to-home client

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Given the numerous regulations and criteria imposed upon healthcare providers to manage the care of patients admitted to their facility for short course rehabilitation-to-home, the role of the rehabilitation professional can become a daunting task—to ensure quality care is provided in the most cost efficient manner, while simultaneously ensuring excellent clinical outcomes. The audience will be taken through the journey of the rehabilitationist's role in effectively managing the rehab-to-home client. This journey begins with the discharge planning process, which is the pivotal framework (built at the time of admission) for the course of the rehab stay. Critical roles of the rehabilitation professional, in standardized, objective testing, as it relates to the client's functional abilities and goals are delineated. This objective data will become a key part of the Success Story and Outcome Reporting at the time of discharge. Due to the fact that the client spends a large portion of their day in rehab, a positive client-therapist relationship is crucial, and the therapists' role in gathering and relaying critical information to the interdisciplinary team is essential. To ensure a successful and safe discharge home, all areas must be evaluated and any barriers addressed prior to the discharge date. The Post-Discharge Follow-Up components with the development of future process improvement plans to close the loop of the continuum of quality care and thus redefine the role of rehabilitation in effectively managing the rehab-to-home client.

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Rehab services in Haiti-perspectives and challenges: Haitian foundation of rehabilitation

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Rehabilitation services in Haiti were much neglected during all time and services were unknown for more than 90% of the population. On 12 January 2010, Haiti was hit by an earthquake ever experienced in its history, which devastated much of the capital and south, caused more than 300 thousand death and more than 280 thousand injured. It was at this time that the government and people began to notice the lack of rehabilitation services and its importance in the country. Thus there has been a change in mentality turned to advocacy, campaign of non-discrimination of persons with disabilities, accessibility and development of new rehabilitation center. Before the earthquake there were only less than 5 physiotherapists across the country. The purpose of this presentation is to provide information on rehabilitation services before the earthquake and post-earthquake, efforts in the field, perspectives and challenges, the process and methodology of work of physiotherapists in developing countries contributing for a better understanding of global health to interesting candidates for volunteer work aboard and so we will present the effort the Haitian Foundation of Rehabilitation (FONHARE) is doing to enhance rehab services in Haiti to met the need of the most vulnerable individuals.

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