Get the Quality
Assistive Technology Care
You Deserve

About RESNA: RESNA, the Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America, is the premier professional organization dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of people with disabilities through increasing access to technology solutions.

RESNA advances the field by offering certification, continuing education, and professional development; promoting research and public policy; developing assistive technology standards; and sponsoring forums for the exchange of information and ideas to meet the needs of our multi-disciplinary constituency.

For more information on RESNA ATP certification, visit www.resna.org.

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Know what types of assistive technology exist?
There are many different types of assistive technology devices and equipment designed to help assist individuals with disabilities. Some of these include manual and power wheelchairs, ergonomic computer keyboards, mice and trackballs, screen magnifiers, hearing aids, reading machines, communication devices, orthotics, portable ramps, prosthetics, Braille, etc.

Understand the role of an Assistive Technology Professional (ATP).
Unfortunately, there are people who are in the business to sell medical equipment that may be less than ethical or knowledgeable and can offer incorrect advice. A trained Assistive Technology Professional analyzes the needs of individuals with disabilities, assists in the selection of the appropriate device or equipment, and trains you on how to properly use the specific device or equipment.

Look for an Assistive Technology Professional who is certified.
RESNA’s ATP Certification recognizes professionals who have reached an internationally accepted standard of knowledge in assistive technology. A RESNA-Certified ATP takes a holistic approach to every situation, assessing your situation and influences, and then determining what equipment will enable you to optimize your life at home, school, work and in the community. ATPs must follow a strict Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, helping to assure quality service and consumer protection.

RESNA certification includes work/education eligibility, the passing of a 200-item examination, and an on-going commitment to practice at the highest ethical standard in the field of assistive technology.

Know where to find a RESNA-Certified Assistive Technology Professional.
Visit www.resna.org and click on “Find a Certified AT Professional.” For more information on assistive technology and Certified Assistive Technology Professionals, contact your state’s Assistive Technology Act programs (www.ataprop.org) or the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers (www.NRRTS.org). You may also contact your local center for independent living, vocational rehabilitation agency, school district, rehabilitation hospital, assistive technology supplier or manufacturer and ask to work with a RESNA-Certified ATP.

Making decisions about your assistive technology involves answering these questions:

- What tasks do I need to accomplish that I cannot do right now?
- How do I know that the recommendation/referral I receive from my doctor is the best one?
- How will my device/equipment work at home?
- What adaptations do I need to make at my workplace or school?
- Are there professionals who are trained in this specialty area?
- Can I talk to them first before making a final decision?
- How do I begin?

A RESNA–Certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) can help in the selection and implementation of equipment.