



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Helping You Gain Control

Assistive technology is any device that helps people with disabilities improve their ability to function and control their environment. This includes things like custom-made wheelchairs, remote controls to open doors, computer software that responds to your voice, and equipment that allows you to operate a car using only your hands.

Shepherd Center's experienced assistive technology professionals review your goals and then prescribe the simplest, most economical solutions that will improve safety, independence and quality of life. These solutions range from commercial, off-the-shelf products to custom-designed systems. Our services include:

ADAPTED DRIVING

Shepherd Center's adaptive driving program, which is also a state-licensed driving school, uses the most technically-advanced driving systems to help new and experienced drivers with physical or cognitive disabilities get safely behind the wheel. Our certified driver rehabilitation specialists provide van, auto and equipment evaluations, recommendations, modifications and training. They are quali-

*We help you find solutions that will
improve your quality of life*

fied to help you find the most appropriate driving systems from joystick and touchpad controls to brake, gas and steering wheel devices. For non-drivers, we review your needs and prescribe the most suitable transportation equipment.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call 404-350-7760.

COMPUTER ACCESS

Shepherd Center's computer access clinic is specifically designed to help make the world of technology accessible to you. A certified occupational therapist and a rehabilitation technologist, who specialize in assistive devices, staff the clinic. They assist you in identifying your goals, needs and abilities; allow you to test computer software, hardware and devices; recommend computer systems and compatible accessories; and locate funding sources. They also take into account your future needs and mobility goals.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call Shepherd Center's computer access clinic at 404-350-7716.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

With the help of technology, almost any electrical device in the home or office can be controlled without even touching it. Shepherd Center's assistive technology staff has the latest information on things like accessible telephones, attendant call systems, automatic door openers and on/off control of lights, appliances and televisions.

Our occupational therapists and rehabilitation technologists can determine what equipment you may need, offer assistance on modifying existing equipment and then make recommendations on devices that allow you to be more independent. They also consult with physicians to determine if equipment is a medical necessity and assist with documentation for insurance companies.

For more information, please call 404-350-7716.

HOME ACCESSIBILITY

Our mission of helping individuals with disabilities be as independent as possible extends to your home. Shepherd can create a more accessible environment so you can go

Assistive technology increases functional abilities and helps reach rehab goals

about your daily life with comfort and ease. Our assessment team includes design professionals and an occupational therapist. They are trained to look at your specific needs and challenges and develop creative solutions and develop drawings, if requested. We can evaluate your home's entrances, doorways, level changes, circulation, hallways, bathrooms, bedrooms, kitchens, appliances and garage. If you are building a new home, our staff can arrange evaluations, recommendations and architectural design.

For more information on fees and services, please call 404-350-7722.

SEATING & MOBILITY

No two people are alike and neither are their wheelchair needs. That's why Shepherd Center's seating clinic is available to current patients and anyone in the community. Our physical therapist and rehabilitation technician help custom-fit cushions, wheelchairs and other mobility devices to suit your comfort, fit and lifestyle. We listen to your needs and offer recommendations that will improve your mobility. You can also test drive wheelchairs from our clinic's in-stock selection.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call 404-350-7760.

SHEPHERD CENTER IS:

- The largest freestanding hospital in the country devoted to the medical care and rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injury and disease, acquired brain injury, multiple sclerosis and other neuromuscular problems.
- A Spinal Cord Injury Model Center designated by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.
- Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

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