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MAKING IT HAPPEN

Okay! I've been talking about it; thinking about it, did more thinking about it, and after much procrastination.... it's finally here! The Remedy Room newsletter has made it to publication! My husband is now sighing with relief after many hours of fixing HTML code to indulge his wife's perfectionist qualities! Bless him.

So where to from here? Well I'm sure you'll agree that a newsletter is an awesome opportunity to keep in touch and strengthen relationships. I hope to make this newsletter as interactive as possible, so feel free to drop me a line, and I'll be sure to include any of your comments or ideas in the next newsletter (with your consent of course), I aim to keep the topics topical, the news, newsy and provide as much collective perspective that my readers will allow.

For a start, I'll enlighten you with some Remedy Room gossip. Firstly, I am proud to announce that the Remedy Room website is now up and running, and looking oh so smart. So please check it out at www.remedyroom.co.za and better yet, tell all your friends to check it out too! Secondly Remedy Room together with a few other occupational therapists will be investing in a state of the art physical capacity evaluation protocol through Workwell Systems in the USA. I'm personally looking forward to using it with what seems to be more standardized measures of endurance. The training is set for this month and I'll keep you posted as to when it will be incorporated into existing work assessments. And finally, on a sadder note, Remedy Room, which is currently a team of two, is being reduced to one. Annerie Marais who joined Remedy Room in October 2008 has resigned and is off to blaze trails elsewhere. She will be sorely missed. And finally, what to look forward to in the next edition: rehabilitation, the triumphs, the disappointments and concepts that I believe are changing the way we understand rehabilitation and why we shouldn't be discouraged by dismal statistics. Till then, I bid you farewell, or as they say in German: Auf Wiedersehen!

PS: I have an idea I'd like to bounce off those of you who refer for work assessments. Making sure that work assessments reach you in a meaningful timeframe is always my biggest challenge. What tends to happen is that people wait until month three before making an appointment and suddenly I'm faced with a gazillion assessments in one specific week/month, which in turn affects my turn-around times in getting the work reports out to you. How about I book assessments for referrals as and when they come in and two weeks prior to the date I'll follow up with the claimant/broker concerned. Would that work for you? Drop me a line at info@remedyroom.co.za.

Regards



Heather Patton, Managing Member

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