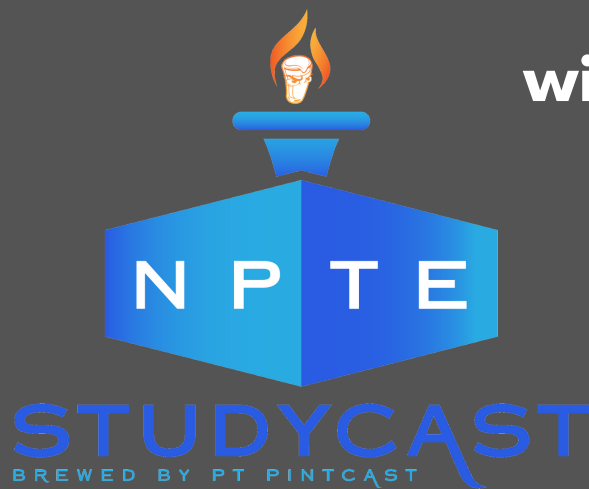


NPTE QUESTION: WHEELCHAIR TRANSFERS



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SAMPLE NPTE QUESTION

A patient with T4 paraplegia is learning how to transfer his wheelchair up onto a curb by doing a wheelie. Which of the following verbal cues will be LEAST helpful?

- A. Lean backward initially
- B. Throw your weight forward to advance the wheels forward
- C. Place your hands at the 11 o'clock position for initial forward propulsion
- D. Maintain your center of gravity over the rear wheels



BREAKDOWN OF ANSWER CHOICES

- A. Lean backward initially
 - a. This is instructing the patient to lean his center of gravity backward over the rear wheels
- B. Throw your weight forward to advance the wheels forward
 - a. To advance the wheels forward, the patient should be leaning backwards
 - b. This creates a balance point over the rear wheel axis
- C. Place your hands at the 11 o'clock position for initial forward propulsion
 - a. Assist with propelling rear wheels onto curb
- D. Maintain your center of gravity over the rear wheels

ANSWER

B. Throw your weight forward to advance the wheels forward

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NPTE PRO-TIP

- Read the question carefully
- Watch out for words that are bolded and capitalized - MOST, LEAST
- Two similar answers (A and D)

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