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West Norriton Physical Therapy Clinic now defying gravity

Jim Fagnani, DPT, OCS, CSCS, of the Physical Therapy and Wellness Institute (PTW) in West Norriton, tells his story; “At a trade show last year, one of our partners brought back information on this new device. I saw it once and said I need it for my patients. It has air pressure technology that takes away gravity, and can determine the amount of weight we are permitting on an injured joint. The Alter-G will allow my patients to get functional fast, and upright after surgery without supportive devices. I can now talk to a surgeon in terms of percentage of weight bearing. Working with the Physicians, we can determine weight-bearing protocols for a post-surgical ACL or a knee replacement ranging from 10% to 100%. Progressions can be safely and confidently, measured in a structured environment, unlike any other tool a Physical Therapist has. I believe it will change outpatient Physical Therapy in terms of quicker progressions”.

From the Alter-G website, several unique advantages Fagnani will now be able to offer include:

- Technology developed at NASA and further developed by AlterG for medical rehabilitation
- Unweighting technology provides the opportunity to rehabilitate lower extremities like never before
- Precise partial weight-bearing enables accurate implementation of unweighting protocols not found in any other rehabilitation equipment on the market
- Provides highly effective balance and gait (walking) retraining

The AlterG Anti-Gravity Treadmill® is FDA-cleared for the following functional rehabilitation indications:

- Rehabilitation following injury or surgery of the lower extremity (hip, knee, ankle or foot)
- Rehabilitation after total joint replacement
- Gait training in neurologic patients
- Strengthening and conditioning in older patients
- Weight control and reduction
- Sport specific conditioning programs
- Aerobic conditioning

Fagnani states, “With less days in the hospital after surgery and pressures from the government to get greater outcomes, the AlterG will permit us to offer Physical Therapy earlier, getting patients functional and independent faster than in the past”.

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PTW—Physical Therapy & Wellness Institute—Since 2002 PTW has been offering quality care to folks with joint pain, aches and pains, or those recovering from injuries, surgeries, muscle traumas and skeletal. With locations in Lansdale, Montgomeryville, Quakertown, West Norriton, and Glenside, Pa, PTW offers quality care provided by a team of 14 licensed physical therapists. Their facilities feature state of the art exercise equipment, an aquatic center, industrial medicine programs, wellness programs, medically based fitness programs, and now an Alter G. PTW is also licensed for direct access, so that clients may contact them directly without a referral from a physician.

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