

**DR. SUSAN RYERSON AWARDED 3-YEAR GRANT TO STUDY CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS OF ZEROG**

**Washington, DC – October 1, 2010** – Dr. Susan Ryerson, Senior Research Scientist at the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) and owner of Making Progress in Alexandria Virginia was awarded a 3-year, \$600,000 Field-Initiated Research Grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to study the clinical effectiveness of ZeroG. As a world-renowned clinician, Dr. Ryerson will look to determine whether intensive, over-ground gait training using a novel dynamic body-weight support system called ZeroG leads to greater improvements in walking ability than conventional physical therapy in individuals with acute hemiparetic stroke. A total of 60 patients will be recruited to the study and trained at NRH.

The grant will run from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013. For more information on the study, please email Kathy Brady, PT, [Kathaleen.P.Brady@MedStar.net](mailto:Kathaleen.P.Brady@MedStar.net).