



Summary of Wheelchair Seating Assessment Services

A seating assessment is valuable for clients who will be using a wheelchair while performing activities of daily living. Independence and increased function result from using equipment, based on the client’s abilities and needs. Assessment by a health care professional with additional training is particularly valuable in cases where client’s needs are complex requiring consideration of a combination of medical and functional factors. This includes clients with inability to maintain upright posture; risk of losing the ability to perform functional activities; presence of abnormal muscle tone, joint contractures or skeletal deformities; high risk of skin breakdown; compromised cardiac or respiratory status while seated; progressive medical disorders; or require other adaptive equipment to be integrated with the seating system.

Refer if client is	Referral Process	Refer to Facility/Service	Staffing	Services/Resources
Child or adult currently an inpatient in a medical facility or resident of Personal Care Home and requires seating assessment.	Facility staff can provide information re: referral process	Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist who provide service to the facility	- Varies depending on site	If consultation is required for complex seating situations, facility based therapists can consult with staff within other seating assessment services below and/ or the occupational therapist at the Manitoba Wheelchair Program (Society for Manitobans with Disabilities- Wheelchair Services).
PERSONS RESIDING IN THE COMMUNITY				
Child with physical or developmental disabilities residing in Manitoba, Northwest Territories or Nunavut. Age 18 years and under (or until age 21, if still in school)	Letter of referral from physician, occupational therapist or physiotherapist	<u>Assistive Technology Clinic Rehabilitation Centre for Children</u> 633 Wellington Cr. Winnipeg MB R3M 0A8 Phone: 452-4311 Fax: 477-5547	- Orthopedic Surgeon - Occupational Therapist - Physiotherapist - Orthotist - Mechanical Design & Services staff	Collaboration with school/community therapists & vendors On-site equipment fabrication/modification Clinic equipped with: - Seating simulator - Mechanical lift - Height adjustable beds - Telehealth - Some trial equipment
Family Services’ Supported Living Program client (any age) residing with their family or in a group home requiring: - complex seating and/ or - Power Wheelchair assessment/training with specialty controls	Letter of referral from Supported Living Program worker.	<u>Community Support Program</u> <u>St. Amant Centre</u> 440 River Rd. Winnipeg MB R2M 3Z9 Phone: 256-4301 (extension 3211) Fax: 257-4349	- Occupational Therapist - Physiotherapist - Vendor	Clients can be: - Assessed at home, work or St. Amant - Referred to St. Amant’s Orthopedic Clinic, as necessary.

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<p>Adult residing in Winnipeg with basic seating needs and/ or would benefit from pressure mapping to assist with equipment prescription.</p>	<p>Completion of referral form (available from DLC Occupational Therapy Department) by health care professional, with physician's signature is required.</p>	<p><u>Occupational Therapy Dept. Deer Lodge Centre</u> 2109 Portage Ave. Winnipeg MB R3J 0L3</p> <p>Phone: 831-2568 Fax: 897-7376</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational Therapist - Occupational Therapy Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pressure Mapping (with Force Sensing Array) - Mechanical lift and plinth - Some trial equipment
<p>Adult residing in Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut or Northwestern Ontario, with complex seating needs.</p>	<p>Referrals accepted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Client - Health care professional (HCP) i.e. Physician, Clinic Assistant or Nurse Practitioner <p>Completion of Seating Clinic Intake form by HCP (available from HSC OT Dept.) with physician's signature is required prior to scheduling appointment.</p>	<p><u>Seating Clinic. Health Sciences Centre Occupational Therapy Dept.</u> RR160E Rehab Hospital, 820 Sherbrook St. Winnipeg MB R3A 1R9</p> <p>Phone: 787-2786 Fax: 787-1101</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational Therapist - Physiotherapist - Assistive Technology and Rehabilitation Engineering staff as required - Vendors as required <p>Participation of client's community therapist in assessment and follow-up is encouraged.</p> <p>If community therapist is unavailable, the seating clinic Occupational Therapy serves as case manager.</p>	<p>Clinic equipped with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seating simulator - Pressure mapping - Mechanical lift - Height adjustable beds - Telehealth - Some assessment seating components
<p>Adult living in the community within the area served by Winnipeg, Assiniboine and North Eastman Regional Health Authorities and is unable to leave their home or whose needs are best addressed in the home environment.</p> <p>Assessment usually performed in client's home.</p>	<p>Completion of referral from by client, health care professional or Home Care coordinator (if client receives Home Care). Community Therapy Services will obtain client's physician's signature. Referral form available from CTS.</p>	<p><u>Community Therapy Services</u> 201-1555 St. James Street Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B5</p> <p>Phone: 949-0533 Fax: 942-1428</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational Therapist - Physiotherapist as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pressure Mapping assessments utilizing FSA - No seating clinic space or trial equipment available - Arrangements can be made for an assessment to take place at SMD Wheelchair Services in cases where a mat evaluation is indicated - Vendor will attend appointments and provide trial equipment where indicated - Agency therapists will consult with the CTS Senior Occupational Therapist specializing in wheelchair seating and positioning issues as needed (i.e. in situations where seating and positioning issues are felt to be more complex).

POWER MOBILITY RELATED PROGRAMS:				
Refer if client is:	Referral Process	Refer to Facility/ Service	Staffing	Services / Resources
<p>Adult residing in Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut or Northwestern Ontario, requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - custom adaptations to power or manual wheelchairs - assessments for alternative power wheelchair controls 	<p>Completion of referral form by client or health care professional.</p> <p>Referral form available from Assistive Technology Products and Services.</p>	<p><u>Assistive Technology Products and Services</u> <u>Health Sciences Centre</u> 59 Pearl St. Winnipeg MB R3E 3L7</p> <p>Phone: 787-2202 Fax: 787-5099</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational Therapist - Rehabilitation Mechanical Specialist - Electronic Technician - Rehabilitation Engineers & Orthotists, as required <p>The client's community therapist is encouraged to participate. If he/she is unavailable, the Assistive Technology occupational therapist serves as case manager.</p>	<p>Customization of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power Wheelchair alternative input switches - Drive control box or switch mounts - Secondary supports <p>Access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment power wheelchairs with specialty controls - HSC Seating Clinic staff and equipment (as required)
<p>Adult client wishing to increase independence in community living skills. Includes assessment and training in use of power mobility equipment</p>	<p>Completion of referral form by client or health care professional.</p> <p>Referral form can be downloaded at www.misericordia.mb.ca (under Programs)</p>	<p><u>Easy Street Rehabilitation Program</u> <u>Misericordia Health Centre</u> 99 Cornish Ave. Winnipeg MB R3C 1A2</p> <p>Phone: 788-8158 Fax: 774-7646</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational Therapist - Physiotherapist, Social Worker, and Dietitian available on consult 	<p>Assessment Power Wheelchairs & scooter</p>