

ACCESS

COMMUNITY THERAPISTS LTD

SEATING AND MOBILITY SERVICES

Getting around safely and comfortably with a physical disability is not an easy task. People who use wheelchairs are met with many challenges and must have seating that is customized to their needs. Some are unable to sit on their own and require more support than is offered in a standard wheelchair. This often means custom-fabricated systems designed to manage the multiple health and physical challenges of the individual.

Access is dedicated to finding the right seating and mobility solutions to ensure that people can participate as fully as possible in the activities that are important to them.



THE SEATING AND MOBILITY SPECIALIST AND QUALITY CARE

Since 1988, ACCESS COMMUNITY THERAPISTS has specialized in community-based, rehabilitation services for individuals with physical disabilities and neurological impairments. Our quality care is a result of experienced specialists, evidence-based practices and a collaborative approach.

EXPERIENCED SPECIALISTS

Seating is a clinical specialty area that looks at the supports and technology required to enable people who cannot sit without assistance. We have developed a team of occupational therapists and physiotherapists with extensive knowledge regarding the assessment and

management of seating and mobility needs.

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

ACCESS believes in the importance of research in supporting evidence-based practice. We incorporate research into our clinical practice and conduct our own research into areas related to seating and mobility.

Seating Team members stay current through clinical practice sessions which consist of reviewing pertinent research papers, analyzing new products, discussing case histories and guest lectures. They also regularly attend courses and conferences.

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

ACCESS therapists follow a distinct consultative process and report format. They work closely, collaboratively and are often seen as mentors to other therapists.

ACCESS has established and provides specialized workshops on seating throughout B.C. and our therapists have become recognized experts in this area. They are regularly sought out as guest lecturers for university and other educational programs, nationally and internationally.

All ACCESS therapists are registered health professionals and accountable to their licensing bodies in BC.

People's health and quality of life are improved through an expert assessment and correctly prescribed seating and mobility equipment. Using this equipment, people are able to participate as fully as possible in their environments of choice.

People with complex seating needs often require custom seating, specific postural controls, individualized switch access methods or engineered adaptations to their wheelchair.

ASSESSMENT IN THE CLIENT'S HOME

ACCESS has the tools to perform all aspects of the seating assessment, including pulse oximeters to determine the effect of positioning on respiratory function and pressure mapping to optimize pressure distribution and assist in equipment selection. The initial assessment includes a functional and environmental review, a physical "mat" assessment and seating simulation including equipment trials.

CONSULTATION

This includes a detailed report with physical findings, targeted outcomes and specific recommendations for suitable equipment. Our seating specialists employ a collaborative team approach – working with the client, referring therapist, caregivers, medical equipment representative, seating technician and others.



Ryan's chair has an anterior tilt of 15 degrees to allow him to see ahead of himself. It also powers the ventilator and is short enough to allow easier access indoors.

FOLLOW-UP

The process is complete when the seating system is delivered, targeted outcomes are achieved, the client and caregivers understand the correct use of the new equipment and all parties are satisfied.



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