



^{**} When purchasing a wheelchair, you may experience delays in wheelchair delivery especially with custom orders and/or delays for pre-authorized funding due to paperwork. If the patient is discharged to a facility before the wheelchair is approved or ready, you may be required to rent a wheelchair in the interim.

Why is it important that a wheelchair be fitted appropriately?

- Comfort
- Posture
- Participation in activities
- Increased quality of life
- Decreased potential for pressure sores
- Required for residential care

How do I know what to get?

- It is encouraged that you work closely with the OT to discuss the most suitable options for wheelchair seating.
- Please refer to your copy of the Occupational Therapy Wheelchair Recommendation form, which indicates the type and size of wheelchair, wheelchair cushion and additional accessories that are appropriate.

Where do I get the wheelchair from?

- The Medical Equipment Supplier List will provide you with some vendors you can contact regarding purchasing / renting wheelchairs.
- Other possibilities are looking at classified advertisements on-line and in newspapers.

If you have any questions please contact the occupational therapist.

Name: _____

Pager: ______

Wheelchair Acquisition



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