

THE CHILDREN'S CARE Powered Mobility Clinic

The Children's Care Rehabilitation Center offers thorough powered mobility evaluations utilizing our specialized, experienced staff of physical and occupational therapists, skilled technicians, and South Dakota's only therapists (three) certified as Assistive Technology Practitioners (ATP) by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA).

Evaluation:

- Through intake information and interview, we develop goals and objectives specific for each client. This determines the direction of the evaluation.
- A wheelchair seating and positioning evaluation is performed if needed as part of the powered mobility evaluation.
- The Rehabilitation Center therapists use our fleet of powered wheelchairs to accommodate clients of a variety of sizes, abilities, and needs. Therapists also have access to a full spectrum of powered wheelchair access devices to try during the evaluation. These devices range from adapted joystick handles for improved grasp to single-switch access controls and wireless proximity switches that can be used for driving with head movement or movement of virtually any part of the body. These access devices are selected according to the individual's abilities and for the most efficient and cost-effective method of driving.

Recommendations:

- Recommendations are documented as part of a written comprehensive report based on clinical findings.
- The clinic team can make modifications on site and work with Rehabilitation Medical Supply (also located on site) or with other medical equipment vendors when ordering new

or replacement equipment. Equipment vendors are also encouraged to participate as a member of the evaluation team.

- Once the modifications are completed or new equipment is ordered and assembled, a fitting is performed to complete the evaluation and assure that the client's equipment needs have been met.



Follow-up:

- Follow-up visits are encouraged to determine how the system is working and if any changes need to be made.
- Direct therapy sessions for powered mobility are also available for clients that are demonstrating emerging skills but are in need of additional training prior to ordering powered mobility equipment.

Call (605) 782-2400 for appointment or details. (Toll-free, 800-584-9294, Ext. 2400.)



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