

**Spinal Seating Professional Development Project
Assessment Form AF1S.1: Initial Interview Sample**

SEATING ASSESSMENT: INITIAL INTERVIEW		
Name: <i>George Case Sample</i>	MRN: <i>1234567</i>	Date:
Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Client <input type="checkbox"/> Referrer: <input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers: <input type="checkbox"/> Others:		
Client's reason for attending assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>His wheelchair and cushion were 7 years old and in need of replacement</i> ① <i>He had no therapy input for many years and was unclear of what equipment would best meet his current needs</i> 		
Relevant Medical History / Physical Attributes:		
Medical Diagnosis, date of onset / injury and any recent changes / loss of function: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>A work accident 16 years ago at age 34 whilst a member of the Army, and sustained a SCI resulting as a C5 incomplete tetraplegia</i> ➤ <i>When asked, George reported that his left side has slight muscular sparing and patchy sensation than the right, though he felt it has no impact functionally</i> 	Surgical / orthopaedic history impacting seating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>When asked, client reported that he had a fracture right lower leg 4 years ago due to a spasm onset getting down a gutter. Since then his right leg would slip off the footplate sometimes.</i> 	
Pressure Injury History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>When asked, client reported that he had red marks on and off around his right buttock</i> 	Pain History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>Increased shoulder pain- impacting activities of daily living</i> 	
Spasm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>Reported to have severe spasm which "slowed him down"</i> ➤ <i>When asked, George was concern that sudden movement or rough terrain would set of his spasm the throw him off the wheelchair</i> 	Vision: <i>NAD</i>	Weight: <i>85 kg</i>
Sensation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>When asked, George reported that his left side is more hypersensitive with "pin and needles" sensation during the night time as well</i> 	Hearing: <i>NAD</i>	Height: <i>185 cm</i>
Cardiovascular and Respiratory Status: <i>NAD</i>	Precautions and contra-indications / special care needs / medications and allergies impacting seating assessment and seating equipment selections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Autonomic dyslexia - client have medication with him at the appointment</i> 	
Bowel and Bladder functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>condom drainage , second daily bowel regime</i> ① <i>reports he rarely has continence accidents</i> 		
Speech and Swallowing: <i>NAD</i>		
Psychosocial Status:		
	NAD / Comments	Living arrangement and type of residence:
Cognition and ability to learn new skill:	<i>NAD</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>own home in a large regional city</i> ① <i>lives with his wife and one adult daughter</i>
Perceptual skills:	<i>NAD</i>	
Communication skills, interpersonal skills:	<i>NAD</i>	Social support: e.g., paid and unpaid carer, NGOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>has 2 other daughters who no longer live at home</i>
Judgement and safety awareness:	<i>NAD</i>	
Behaviour and personality traits:	<i>NAD</i>	Socio-economic circumstances and equipment funding options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① <i>Currently not employed , his wife works shift</i>
Motivation, attitude,	<i>NAD</i>	



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tolerance to technology:		work	
self-image & preference towards wheeled mobility	NAD	① Received Veteran Disability pension and eligible for their Insurance Scheme for equipment	
Activities and Participation:			
Describe aides or features of seating/ mobility equipment which enable personal care and domestic tasks to be performed:			
Toileting: independent	Showering: Independent between Shower bench /wheelchair	Dressing: independent	Domestic Task / Others: Independent, including cooking and laundry.
Type of Transfer: Hoist / side transfer with slide board / self-lift / standing transfer. State transfer equipment used			
Bed to wheelchair:	independent		
To and from commode:	independent		
To and from vehicle:	independent		
Other transfers to / from wheelchair:	independent		
Productivity: ① visits schools to talk to them about spinal cord injury and living in a wheelchair; ① supporting his daughter with her new baby;		Leisure interest, exercise routines and rest: ① used to play a lot of wheelchair sport but says he is not playing much now as he has had a number of medical problems including frequent autonomic dysreflexia; ① currently coaching a women's Dragon Boat rowing crew; ① spending time on his computer	
Community Mobility and Transport: State vehicle types, modifications to vehicles and how the wheelchair is stowed / secured? ① drives his own car, transferring his wheelchair into the passenger or back seat ① . Accessible public transport is limited to taxis			
Environment:			
Internal home environment: Accessible home. Pull down bench in driveway	External home environment: Paved footpath and car port. Moderately steep driveway and harder to push up nowadays	Work / Leisure areas: Need to get across grass and soft ground for coaching Dragon boat rowing	Local community: Short distance ~ 1 Km to a local corner shop
Summary of Issues or Needs Discussed:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve upper limb 2. Wheelchair can be easily stow into the back seat for the car. 3. Options for get across grass and soft ground 4. Access under table, computer desk, and bathroom 5. Adjustment to chair stability as he carries his grandchild from baby to toddler's age. 6. Long term ability to climb up the driveway and go to local shop in MWC 			
Agreed Features Required in Seating and Wheeled Mobility:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Custom measured manual wheelchair appropriates to his body size and compatible to his environment, such as clearance under computer desk and allows ease of transfer to shower bench/ toilet. 2. Light weight wheelchair that can be easily lifted and stowed into the back seat for the car. 3. Consider caster and rear wheels options for grass areas, or consider a detachable large front wheel accessory 4. Wheelchair with rear wheel axle adjustment to change the stability of wheelchair 5. Explore the possibility for power assist options for the potential wheelchair for outdoor and incline applications. Consider such device to be stow into the car independently. 			