



## Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center

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### Seating and Mobility Program

Appropriate seating systems are imperative to those who use manual or power wheelchairs or scooters for mobility. Our trained Occupational Therapy staff works with clients to determine the best wheelchairs and seating components to maximize their independence in mobility and to help prevent pressure sores due to ill-fitting equipment.

#### Who is eligible?

The Seating and Mobility Program can help people with a variety of disabilities and conditions, including:

- Amputations
- Arthritis
- Cerebral palsy
- Congenital birth defects
- Geriatrics
- Head injury
- Neurological disease or neurological problems
- Polio or post-polio syndrome
- Pressure ulcers
- Spinal cord injury
- Stroke

#### How to obtain services?

- Obtain a physician's prescription for "Occupational Therapy Seating Evaluation"
- Call (602) 839-2317 to schedule an appointment.
- Supply information regarding insurance coverage or funding source. Most insurance covers services under Outpatient Occupational Therapy benefits.
- An intake questionnaire will be completed on the telephone at the time of scheduling to assist the therapists in understanding your unique wheelchair use and medical history.

#### What happens during the evaluation?

- A 1 to 1½ hour evaluation will be completed with an Occupational Therapist.
- The evaluation will include an extensive interview to determine the client's community and home mobility needs, a physical evaluation to determine the client's strength and flexibility, a skin integrity assessment, and an analysis of the current seating system, including pressure mapping (if applicable).
- Discussion of equipment recommendations or wheelchair modifications.

#### What happens after the evaluation?

- If necessary, equipment trials will be coordinated with the wheelchair provider.
- A written evaluation and equipment prescription is sent to the referring physician.
- A copy of the evaluation is sent to the client.
- If in agreement, the physician will sign the prescription and return it to the Seating and Mobility Clinic.
- Upon its return, the prescription and report are sent to the appropriate DME provider, chosen by the client and/or payer source.

