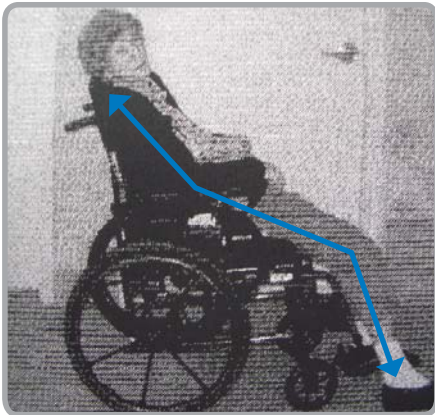


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Grace in Motion



Grace is an 84-year-old woman with Alzheimers. When evaluated for seating and mobility needs, the following list of concerns were identified:

- a coccyx sore
- frequent angry outbursts
- slides out of her chair
- has to be transferred to bed several times each day
- dependent on caregivers for mobility.

The following goals were identified

- heal the coccyx sore
- stop her from sliding out of her chair
- improve her posture
- make her comfortable, potentially reducing the number of bed transfers.
- achieve independent mobility.



Note the improvement in Grace's posture.

Outcomes

Grace was provided with a Stellar manual tilt-in-space wheelchair, pressure reduction cushion and contoured backrest/headrest. With 45° of dynamic tilt, pressure on Grace's coccyx was reduced and her posture improved. Providing tilt stopped her from sliding out of the chair and allowed her a 'rest position'. The number of patient transfers dropped since she is now comfortable and safe while seated. Grace no longer has angry outbursts as she is now comfortable and significantly more independent.



Feet flat on floor, even at 20° tilt.

One feature unique to the Stellar is its low seat-to-floor height potential. The front of the seat moves up only slightly as the seat is tilted up to 20°. This keeps Grace's feet close to the floor, even while tilted. As a result, Grace now has excellent independent manual mobility.

See Grace mobilizing her new chair

<http://www.pdgmobility.com/Stellar-Tilt-in-Space-Wheelchair-Case-Histories.html>

Chair comparison chart

PDG makes a wide variety of manual tilt-in-space wheelchairs specific to a variety of patient needs. You can download a chart showing a comparison of manual, tilt-in-space wheelchair applications here

<http://www.pdgmobility.com/PDG-FAQs/PDG-Product-comparison-chart-english.pdf>

A story to tell?

Do you have a case history that might instruct others working to provide comfort, improved posture and/or independent mobility? We would love to hear about it.

To share your experiences, contact PDG at enews@PDGenews.com.

If your Case History is published here, PDG will provide you with financial assistance toward selected mobility-related educational activities.

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