

What to expect during your power standing trial



Who will be there?

- Occupational therapist or Physiotherapist
- Assistive technology provider
- Manufacturer representative as needed
- Other individuals as needed (e.g., family, caregiver, case manager)

What will they ask?

- ? **How do the different features trialled impact you?**
Communicating any concerns, as well as what makes you comfortable, is essential for a successful trial. This can also come from your key supports if beneficial.
- ? **What daily activities and health benefits are you hoping to gain from power standing?**
For example, self-care, home management, school and/or work participation, pressure management, bowel and bladder function.

What happens during the trial?

Trial of the power standing wheelchair

Multiple transfers may be needed to achieve the best set up. From there, trying different wheelchair power positioning such as sitting, elevation and standing is important.

Getting 'hands-on'

The therapist or equipment provider may ask for consent to physically position parts of your body to determine where wheelchair accessories are placed to support your posture. This may also involve taking measurements.

Getting your feedback

Your therapist may write down important information or take photos of tasks for their documentation needs. Ask them about the information they need to best meet your equipment requirements.

Key activities and goals

Complete key tasks using different power features of the chair, and comparing the outcome to see what works best. The trial can also be in different locations such as outside or in the community.

What happens after the trial?

- 💰 Ask whether additional trials or information is needed to finalise the chair (script), including considering funding options available and goals
- 📅 Ask for an estimated timeline for completion of funding process and receiving your equipment
- 🏠 Talk with your therapist about scheduling another home visit if there has been changes for you between the trial and when the chair is ready to be ordered
- 📱 Talk with your therapist about booking the delivery once your power standing wheelchair arrives and when follow ups may occur support you through the learning process

Please note: The trial wheelchair is a demo chair and therefore may not look or function exactly the same as what is ultimately recommended. Please discuss any changes and differences with those attending.