

Questions to Ask During a Pediatric Wheelchair Evaluation

Here are some key questions to ask during your child's wheelchair evaluation to ensure you get the best fit for their needs:

Fit & comfort

- How will this wheelchair support my child's posture and comfort?
- What options are available for seat cushions, backrests, and positioning supports?
- How can the chair be adjusted as my child grows?

Functionality & mobility

- Will my child be able to self-propel, or will they need assistance?
- What type of wheels and tires work best for our daily environment?
- How easy does the wheelchair maneuver in tight spaces?
- What are the options for footrests, armrests, and headrests?

Lifestyle & daily use

- Will this wheelchair fit through doorways in our home and school?
- Can it be easily transported in a car, bus, or plane?
- What is the weight and foldability of the chair?
- How will this wheelchair impact my child's ability to participate in activities, sports, or playtime?

Durability & maintenance

- What maintenance is required?
- How do I get repairs or replacement parts if needed?

Insurance & funding

- What documentation do I need for insurance approval?
- Are there alternative funding sources or grants if insurance doesn't cover the full cost?
- How long does it typically take to receive the wheelchair after approval?

Training & follow-up

- How will my child be trained on how to use the wheelchair safely?
- What should we do if adjustments are needed later?
- How often should we schedule follow-up assessments for growth and fit?