

Power Mobility Device Assessment: New User

Important information and Timeframes

Please be advised that the following 5 stage process represents the average costs and time required to undertake an assessment of suitability to use a powered mobility device (PMD) and if required, assist in identifying individual requirements to facilitate an optimal purchase decision by the purchaser. Should an occasion arise that deviates from the schedule below, the Occupational Therapist will liaise directly with the financier and identify reasons for deviations and associated costs.

1. Assessment to consider suitability of PMD use (up to 2 hours):
 - Initial Assessment (anticipated use and needs, medical status, physical and visual function).
 - Cognitive Assessment and provision of information on PMD use (e.g., ILC brochure)
 - Liaison with client/family/guardian re: outcome of Initial and Cognitive Assessments.
 - Discussion of best options available for reported use and competencies required to achieve for OT endorsement of use.
 - Letter to GP advising of outcome of initial assessment and plan for formal assessment.

2. Should the client require support to identify suitable options with a supplier the following will be required (up to 1.5 hours per supplier attended) – most clients are able to attend independently with OT advice only therefore this cost may be avoided:
 - Review of equipment with client and supplier (if required).
 - Training with equipment at showroom (some suppliers provide limited training and advice re: practice.
 - Organise the PMD to be delivered home for trial in use environment.

3. Trial of the PMD in the expected use environments (2 hours) **prior to making a purchase decision:**
 - Trial of the PMD in/around the client's home and in/around the client's community (if the intention is to use same beyond the immediate home environment).

- Commence the formal Assessment using the “Powered Mobility Device Assessment Training Tool” (PoMoDATT).
- Provision of training strategies and assessment of immediate learning potential.

At this stage, the OT may determine if PMD use is suitable and can support a purchase decision or alternatively, may decide to hire first in order to support training and practice depending upon which is most appropriate.

4. Training of the PMD (TBD)

If equipment hire is organised to support final decision making or confidence building, support to supervise training will be required, this can be undertaken by the client's family, the OT, or a Therapy Assistant. The most appropriate individual to be determined by the OT in consultation with the client.

5. Liaison and Reporting (up to 2.5 hours)

- Final assessment, post provision of PMD and 2-4 weeks opportunity for practice under supervision of family/support/carers/OT/TA.
- Letter to GP and Residential facility (if applicable) advising of OT assessment and recommendations.

PLEASE NOTE: Elevate OT will endeavour to carefully consider all aspects of the person and their environment and will make a recommendation for/against the use of a PMD according to the client's demonstrated safety and competence against PoMoDATT assessment items and awareness for the safety of others within the assessed environment of use. Elevate OT will not take responsibility for: incidents or accidents resulting from non-adherence to recommendations, misuse of equipment, faulty equipment, or performance failures of users as a result of illness and/or declining health. Reassessment against baseline can be undertaken should concern for safety or a change in use patterns indicate.

If the PMD is to be used in a residential facility, it is considered the residential facilities' right and obligation to decline the use of, or remove from use, a PMD that is a threat to the safety of the user or those in the immediate environment of the user. Elevate OT accepts no liability for these actions and/or their financial consequences.