

_____ is a 2 year old boy who developed Kernicterus after birth and now has been diagnosed with spastic quadriplegia. He presents with abnormal tone, high in the upper and lower extremities and low tone in the trunk. His head control is fair. He also suffers hearing loss and wears a hearing aid. He cannot control his posture in anti-gravity positions.

He currently receives physical, occupational and speech therapies at _____ Hospital. His attendance has been excellent and there has been good carry-over of activities at home. He can roll on the floor, but is unable to independently get into a sitting position. He is unable to initiate or maintain independent sitting without appropriate supports and manual placement in them currently. He has been using an upright stander (provided by Early Steps) which he uses daily to maintain his extension, and in preparing him to accommodate being in an upright posture in preparation for gait training. When manually held in supported standing, he is able to take steps with excessive internal rotation and adduction which requires lots of energy both from him and from the person that is holding him. He shows great determination and motivation to be ambulatory and exhibits the basic patterns needed to be involved in a successful gait training program.

_____ Physical Therapy program has focused on trunk control and sustaining weight bearing through upper and lower extremities for independent floor sitting. Development of normalized postures to neutralize tone has been a focus for his program and Jeremiah responds well to being in a neutral position when held manually or with appropriate support devices. Tone is always normalized prior to introducing normal movement patterns.

The KidWalk Dynamic Mobility System would be an excellent adjunct to Jeremiah's therapy regime. This device would allow him to exercise at home, in school and in the community thus providing a program to maintain joint range of motion, increase muscle strength and allow for independent mobility. As an added benefit, the KidWalk allows for sustained lower extremity weight bearing to promote bone density/growth and prevent hip joint instability. Among some of the necessary features of this walker are 1) Auto centering pelvic guides 2) One hand height adjustment mechanism 3) Lateral weight shift mechanism 4) Dynamic weight release 5) Angle adjustable mast 6) Back pads 7) Anti-tippers 8) Two piece frame for easy transport 9) Extended seat to control leg abduction

and scissoring 10) Cruiser wheels to allow use as an omni-directional walker/therapy tool.

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1) Auto centering pelvic guides which allow this client to be placed in a centered and neutral position for better function for his lower extremities and minimizes or eliminates the problem of getting him aligned mechanically by hand each time he utilizes the device. With _____ tone this system will ensure a safe and consistent placement into the unit.

2) Lateral weight shift mechanism allows _____ to step in a normal fashion. No other device allows for this system which simulates natural gait and allows for the client to walk in a normalized fashion. This side to side shift is natural in human gait and allows for Jeremiah to utilize his tone to function at a higher level and be more successful with his gait.

3) Dynamic weight release makes sure that even as the client steps forward and reaches for the floor with his lower extremities that he is able to reach the floor supplying him additional control even with his increased tone. The dynamic weight release along with the lateral weight shift supplies the normalized pattern of movement which allows _____ to be successful with his gait program and allows him to grow and increase his ability in neutralizing his gait and lower extremities.

4) Angle adjustable mast allows for anterior/posterior adjustment to maximize the functional position for _____.

5) Back pads, lateral pads and anterior pads all assist in holding _____ in the best possible position to allow him the stability that he needs to be successful with his gait program. The KidWalk is a fully supportive device that allows him to be safely and comfortably supported for maximum benefit.

6) An extended seat to control leg abduction and scissoring is being requested to help keep _____ lower extremity fine motor control in a more functional pattern. Use of this type of seat will transmit the tone that he exhibits inappropriately by scissoring into a more forward and back direction allowing better success in his gait training.

It is requested that you consider the purchase of this type of mobility device as it will assist in improving _____ functional skills.

SUGGESTED TEXT: There is no other product commercially available that is comparable to the KidWalk System for this child. _____ has been tried and shown the ability to be successful in this product. All of the features and benefits of the KidWalk make it the best choice for this client, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ____-_____.