



Choosing the right
power mobility device
for your clients.

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THE PRIMARY REASON for providing power mobility is to compensate for a client's mobility limitations within the home environment. Assessment of the client's condition is the first step in determining the proper mobility solution. The following questions may help determine if a scooter or power chair is right for your client:

- Does the client have adequate **strength in upper extremities** to operate the controls and tiller?
- Does the client have adequate **core strength/stability** to sit upright and transfer in and out of the scooter?
- Does the client have adequate strength and stability to **maintain proper and upright positioning** during operation?
- Does the client have **adequate dexterity** to jointly operate steering mechanism (tiller) and speed controls?
- Does the client's home have **adequate access to maneuver** a scooter (the equipment provider will determine this via an in-home assessment)?



If the answers to these questions are **YES**, then a **scooter** may be right for your client.



If the answers to these questions are **NO**, then a **power chair** may be right for your client.



Jazzy Select® Elite



Q6 Edge®



IF THE CLIENT lacks the postural ability, dexterity, strength and stability to operate a scooter, he/she may be a candidate for a power chair.

Power Chairs...

- ...require less postural ability, dexterity, strength and stability than a scooter.
- ...offer a wide variety of seating options to assist the client in maintaining proper posture and pressure management.
- ...have the capability to accept seating and electronics modifications up to a full rehab configuration.
- ...are adaptable to change as the client's condition changes.
- ...have programmable controls to match the client's abilities.



Environmental Considerations / The Patient's Home

It is critical to determine if the home environment of an otherwise medically eligible client will support the use of the prescribed mobility solution.

Consider this...

- Scooters are less manoeuvrable and longer in length than power chairs, and may require modifications to the home in order to use properly.
- Mid-wheel drive power chairs have the capability to turn in their own radius, making them highly manoeuvrable. This is a tremendous benefit to the client in a home, office and/or school setting.
- Scooters are more difficult to manoeuvre in small spaces, while mid-wheel drive power chairs fit easily into confined spaces because of their compact size and tight turning radius.
- Scooters are designed to travel primarily on even surfaces, while power chairs have the built-in capacity to traverse obstacles.



Scooter/POV
Turning radius as small as 81.3 cm (32")

Mid-wheel drive power chair
Turning radius as small as 50.8 cm (20")



Product Considerations

In order to match the proper product to the environmental factors and the client's condition, the following product specifications need to be considered:

- **Width and length dimensions** for in-home manoeuvrability and transportability.



- **Ground clearance**
The capacity to traverse and clear obstacles.

