

**NARRATIVE MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ADULT TILTING
SHOWER/COMMUNE WHEELCHAIR**

PATIENT NAME:
ADDRESS:

DATE:
DATE OF BIRTH:

PHONE:

INSURANCE NAME:
ID NUMBER

DIAGNOSIS:

Base Unit: (E-1399) 283 Tilting Shower/Commune Chair.

Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) he/she requires a shower/commune wheelchair. The shower/commune wheelchair will provide (patient name) the ability to perform bowel and bladder functions (independently/dependently) as well as showering for proper hygiene.

Without the ability to voluntarily void the bowel and bladder, serious complications can and will occur. Complications include fecal impaction resulting in autonomic hyper-reflexia (sudden increased high blood pressure). This condition may ultimately lead to a stroke. Severe impaction may also cause the bladder to burst.

Proper hygiene is also extremely important. The showering provides cleansing following the bowel and bladder program which is important for good health as well as (patient name) social acceptability.

STANDARD FEATURES

Adjustable Height Swingaway Arms: (K0016) The adjustable height swingaway arms will provide (patient's name) with safety and stability, while showering, as well as the ability to do independent weight shifts. The swingaway feature will also allow for lateral transfers.

Locks: (K0081) The locks provide (patient name) the ability to lock the shower commode chair in place for safe transfers as well as providing stability while performing (his/her) daily hygiene tasks.

Padded Seat and Back: (K0108) The padded seat and back provide (patient name) protection from possible skin break down (decubitus ulcer) while performing (his/her) daily bowel/bladder and showering program. Typically the program can take up to an hour from start to completion.

Stainless Steel Frame: (E1399) The stainless steel rigid frame provides (patient name) with a durable rust and corrosion proof shower commode chair that will last for years. The rigid frame also provides (patient name) with a very stable and secure seating system.

Tilt Adjustment: (K0108) (Patient name) is highly susceptible to the development of pressure sores (decubitus ulcers) due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.). In addition (patient's name) has poor trunk control and severe spasticity. The tilt adjustment feature will provide (his/her) care giver the ability to perform weight shifts without compromising (patient's name) optimal position in the shower/commode chair.

DURATION OF NEED:

PHYSICIAN:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

UPIN:

SIGNATURE:

PHYSICIAN COMMENTS: _____

JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

Neat Seat Hip/Thigh Support: (K0108) The neat seat hip/thigh support will provide (patient's name) proper alignment of (his/her) hips. It will also allow for lateral stability of (his/her) hips and will relieve pressure on the thighs in the medial direction.

Abductor/Deflector: (K0108) The abductor/deflector will maintain (patient name) hip joint in a slightly abducted position so as to promote an optimal lower extremity position and minimize possible hip subluxation.

Back Hardware: (K0108) The adjustable back hardware will provide adjustment of (patient's name) seat depth so as to allow for the optional amount of pressure distribution throughout the thigh area.

Trunk/Thoracic Lateral: (K0108) The Trunk/thoracic lateral supports will provide (patient's name) stability and safety while being transported to and from the bathroom. The supports will also help prevent the progression of scoliosis.

Additional Safety Strap: (K0031NU) The additional safety strap will provide (patient name) with pelvic support and prevent (him/her) from sliding out of the shower commode chair.

Adjustable Angle Footplates: (K0040) The adjustable angle foot plates will provide (patient's name) necessary support for proper alignment of (his/her) lower extremities.

Work/Play Tray: (K0107) The work/play tray will provide (patient's name) with proper upper extremity positioning and also enhance (his/her) ADL activities.

Head Support Kit: (K0108) Because of (patient's name) limited head control due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.), (he/she) requires a head support kit to prevent injury to (his/her) head or neck while being transported to and from the bathroom.

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Projection Handrims: (K0062) Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e. spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.), (he/she) has lost the function of (his/her) hands. The projection handrims will enable (patient name) to self propel the shower commode chair independently.

Additional Safety Strap: (K0031NU) The safety strap provides (patient name) anterior support while propelling the shower commode chair as well as prevention from falls.

Pneumatic Tires: (K0067) The Pneumatic tires will provide (patient name) greater traction on the wet floors in the bathroom, creating a safe environment for entering and exiting.

PVC Plastic Dipped Handrims: (K0059) Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e. spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) (he/she) has sustained some neurological loss of (his/her) hand function. The PVC plastic dipped hand run will enable (patient name) to self propel the shower commode chair independently.