

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

PATIENT NAME:
ADDRESS:

DATE:
DATE OF BIRTH:

PHONE:

INSURANCE NAME:
ID NUMBER

DIAGNOSIS:

Base Unit: (E-1399) JTG 605, 620, 624 Rigid and Folding Frames.

Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) he/she requires a shower/commode wheelchair. The shower/commode 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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR STANDARD FEATURES

Swingaway Removable Arm: (K0015) The swingaway removable armrest provides (patient name) with safety and stability while showering as well as the ability to do independent weight shifts. The swingaway removable armrest also allows for lateral transfer in and out of the shower commode chair.

Locking Casters: (K0073) The locking casters will provide (patient name) lateral stability to the shower commode chair so that transfers to and from the commode will be safe.

Toggle Locks: (K0081) The toggle lock provides (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.

Anti Tipper: (K0021) The anti tipping device will prevent (patient name) from tipping over backwards while self propelling (his/her) shower commode wheelchair.

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

DURATION OF NEED:

PHYSICIAN:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

UPIN:

SIGNATURE:

PHYSICIAN COMMENTS: _____

JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

Footrests: (K0052) The footrests are necessary to prevent injury to (patient name) feet and legs by allowing them to be off the ground and secure, thus preventing them from dragging them on the ground. The footrest also provides proper positioning of the lower extremities, which allows for better weight distribution in the thigh and buttocks area.

Padded Armrests: (K0019). The padded armrests provide decreased pressure on (patient name) elbows and arms thus preventing potential skin breakdown.

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

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.

Stainless Steel Frame: (E1399). The stainless steel rigid frame (models 605SS, 620SS, 624SS only) 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.

Heel Loops: (K0034). (Patient name) requires heel loops for proper positioning of (his/her) feet as well as to prevent injury to (his/her) lower extremities.

Solid Padded Seat: (K0108). The solid padded seat will provide (patient's name) a solid base for good posture control as well as good pressure relief.

PVC 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 handrims will enable (patient name) to self propel the shower commode chair independently.

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.

Wheel Lock Extensions: (K0079) Because of (patient's name) inability to reach (his/her) standard locks due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.), (he/she) requires wheel lock extensions for the safe operation of the shower commode wheelchair.

Quick Release Axles: (X2119) (Patient's name) requires quick release axles for his shower commode wheelchair because of his limited storage area. (He/she) also requires quick release axles for vehicle transportation.

Carrying Case: (E1399) (Patient's name) requires a carrying case for (his/her) shower commode wheelchair because of (his/her) frequent traveling.