

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter with regard to _____ and the purchase of an Up n' Free Gait Trainer. _____ is a ____ year old young woman whose complex medical and surgical conditions as well as her orthopedic and neurological deficits render her completely dependent in mobility. As a result of post-surgical complications and prolonged pain _____ has not walked in over one year. She currently is able to stand with a Kaye Walker for an average of 2-3 minutes with 1 Moderate Assist. Transfers are quite difficult, requiring 1 Maximum Assist to move to/from wheelchair, just going from sit to stand requires 1 Moderate Assist. The piece of equipment being requested would provide the needed support and assistance to allow _____ to safely and comfortably improve her endurance, strength and postural control necessary for progression to walking.

The Up n' Free Gait Trainer was used for a trial on __date__ with quite impressive results. While in the Up n' Free, _____ was able to go from sitting to standing independently. She was able to stand with dramatically improved posture, and walk a distance of approximately 50 feet. She was able to sidestep, walk backwards and even do a modified lunge. All these activities were performed with only the assistance of the Gait Trainer and reported a significant decrease in the usual levels of pain she typically experiences with just standing and transferring.

As you know, the medical importance of standing and weight bearing for orthopedic patients is well documented. The psychological benefits of improved posture, actually walking, the feeling of security provided as well as the reduction in pain experienced with the one time use of this device gives great hope for substantial improvement through its continued use.

The specific pieces of equipment being recommended are:

Up n' Free Adult/Youth P/N 8000-00-000 \$3,400.00

Standard Mobility Unit with one set of pistons (100 lbs.) with standard suspension unit

As noted above, the Up n' Free allows for increased safety to both _____ as well as her caregivers, in addition to increasing her actual capabilities.

Additional Support Pistons 60 lb. set P/N 8000-10-002 \$330.00

This accessory will provide _____ with progressively less support when _____ has improved to the point where she requires less assistance to stand and walk.

Using this Gait Trainer daily for standing, walking, and strengthening will promote improved postural alignment, improved circulation, and stimulation of bone growth as well as incalculable improvement in self-esteem. The potential to increase _____ independence cannot be overstated. _____ is an extremely intelligent young woman whose physical condition confines her, this device may well open avenues of self-sufficiency and independence which will be life changing.

I urge you to allow _____ the opportunity to safely, comfortably, and independently improve her condition. I believe the global benefits which _____ will receive through use of the Up n' Free Gait Trainer makes its purchase one of medical necessity. If you require any further information regarding the purchase of this stander please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in obtaining for _____ the equipment necessary to maximize her function.