

# INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW PEDIATRIC SOLUTION FOR UPRIGHT **BALANCE** TRAINING



- **Custom designed** for children or small adults.
- **Easy to use** standing and sitting mechanism.
- **Durability** for everyday use.

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# PARAPOD SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. When the child indicates a desire to stand up by pulling on furniture and other objects, or is developmentally mature enough to stand, a bracing program may commence.
2. The criteria used for ParaPod considerations are:
  - (A) The child does not have sufficient muscle power in the lower extremities and trunk to ambulate and stand without crutches.
  - (B) The child has either gone through the Standing Brace stage or is physically and mentally ready to move into the ParaPod directly.
  - (C) The child is of such size that comfortable sitting can only be accomplished by flexing knees and hips.
3. Evaluate upper extremity coordination and strength to determine if the child can utilize crutches or walkers effectively.
4. Evaluate the condition of the feet and determine if there is room for custom shoes, special padding and plantar flexion wedges. Check the condition of the skin, bones and joints for good weight bearing capabilities. A physical therapy program may be required to prepare the child for weight bearing activities.
5. Evaluate for deformities and contractures to determine if device modification may be required. Check the legs, pelvis, and spine for severe deformities. Orthopedic surgery and physical therapy can be of great assistance.
6. Evaluate the skin condition while checking for sores and hypersensitive areas around the chest panels (front panel area), sacral area (buttocks support) and patellar tendon and knees (knee pads).
7. Protruding myelomeningocele and spinal deformities should be evaluated to determine if there is enough clear area over the sacrum to have a good buttocks support panel and if a body jacket can be used if necessary.

**Maximum Height to Axilla - 33 in / 83 cm**

**Maximum Chest Circumference - 26 in / 66 cm**

**Maximum Weight of Patient - 55 lb / 25 kg**

**Normal Age Range - 2 to 6 yrs**