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Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a wait list to attend the Seating Clinic?

The wait times range dependent on current volumes.

Do I have to attend Seating Clinic to get a new wheelchair or have repairs done on my existing frame?

Community, AHS or long-term care therapists can assess for a new wheelchair and basic seating. However, if no health care providers are involved, a new wheelchair can be assessed for you by the Seating Clinic. Repairs to the wheelchair frame can be done at any commercial medical equipment vendor.

What if I already have a custom or commercial seating system requiring modifications?

If you received your system within the past year, call Seating Clinic for direction. After one year, you will need a new referral.

Innovative Health Care

Carewest is a leading-edge health care organization that provides long-term care, rehabilitation and recovery services and community programs for adults of all ages. As Calgary's largest care provider of its kind, Carewest operates 14 locations and several community services aimed at helping people live more independent lives.

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The Adult Regional Seating Clinic

At Carewest Dr. Vernon Fanning



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About the Seating Clinic

The Seating Clinic is a regional program that provides specialized seating services for adults (18 years and older) living in the Calgary area. People with physical disabilities can have a variety of seating needs. Seating equipment will help you by:

- Providing you with a stable sitting position in your wheelchair
- Improving your head, trunk and arm control, thus enhancing function.
- Improving comfort in a wheelchair to allow a greater quality of life.
- Providing pressure relief.

Referrals

- A referral can be made to the Seating Clinic by any of your health care providers ie. doctors, occupational therapists, physical therapists, group home managers, etc. A self-referral can also be made.
- A three-page application form is required for all referrals. Please contact Seating Clinic at 403-230-6980 for a copy of the form which can be faxed or emailed to you.

Seating Clinic Services

We offer two levels of service depending on the client's individual needs. Examples of seating equipment provided can include: backrests, headrests, cushions, straps, foot supports, etc.

- A Basic Seating Appointment will provide an assessment for commercially available products.
- A Complex Seating Appointment will provide an assessment for custom made seating components.

A combination of commercial and custom equipment can also be provided if your needs cannot be met with commercially available equipment alone. Your level of service will be determined by the Seating Clinic based on the information provided on your referral.

Our Team

At the Adult Regional Seating Clinic, we work as a team to provide a specialized comprehensive assessment and fitting of your seating system. We also provide education, consultation and follow-up regarding seating needs with you, your caregiver and your health care provider. Our team consists of:

- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Rehabilitation Engineering Technologists
- AADL commercial seating Technicians
- Seating Secretary

Clinic Appointment - What to Expect

The assessment process can take up to an hour. You should bring a family member or a caregiver who can help with decisions about your seating needs. It is also recommended that your health care provider attend, such as your home care or facility therapist. We will discuss your seating needs and complete an assessment to help determine the seating equipment best for you.

Funding

A valid Alberta Health Care number is required to be referred to the Seating Clinic. There is no cost to attend. Funding for any seating equipment is primarily covered by Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL). AADL funds 75% of AADL approved products and the remaining 25% is covered by the individual – up to a maximum of \$500 per year. For low-income clients, you may qualify for 100% coverage. Other agencies that may be involved to help fund costs associated with your seating include:

- Private insurance plans
- Veteran's Affairs Canada
- NIHB
- WCB

Your health care provider can assist you with information about various funding sources.