

Georgia State University
Department of Physical Therapy
Informed Consent

Title: Use and Understanding of Dynamic Wheelchair Seating by Pediatric Physical Therapists
Principal Investigator: Alyssa LaForme Fiss, PhD, DPT, PCS

I. Purpose:

You are asked to volunteer to participate in this survey that is being conducted for a research practicum by students from Georgia State University's Doctorate of Physical Therapy program under the direction of Dr. Alyssa LaForme Fiss. This is a survey study that will investigate the use and understanding of wheelchairs for children by pediatric physical therapists, focusing on the dynamic wheelchair. The purpose of this study is to assess the understanding of dynamic wheelchair seating by pediatric physical therapists. This survey will also assess the concerns and opinions about dynamic seating by current pediatric physical therapists as well as evaluate the current input of pediatric physical therapists on wheelchair recommendations. The survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete. The posted survey will be available for 2 months and we would like to collect as many responses as possible within the given time frame.

II. Procedures:

If you decide to participate, the survey link will connect you to the survey online. It will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. You will be asked to answer a series of questions, in various formats. At the end of the survey you must click on "submit" for your responses to be used in this study. Once you click on "submit" you will not be able to access the survey again.

III. Risks:

In this study, you will not have any more risks than you would in a normal day of life.

IV. Benefits:

The study may benefit the participants by adding to the body of knowledge about wheelchairs and recommendations in pediatric physical therapy practice.

V. Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal:

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may stop taking the survey at any time. If you decide to stop the survey, none of your responses will be submitted and therefore will not be used in this study. If you do not wish to answer a specific question, you may choose the "no response" option and proceed with the remainder of the survey. By clicking "submit" at the end of the survey you are giving your informed consent for your participation in this study.

VI. Confidentiality:

We will keep your records private to the extent allowed by law. Dr. Alyssa LaForme Fiss and the student researchers will have access to the information you provide. Information may also be shared with those who make sure the study is done correctly. This includes the GSU Institutional Review Board. We are not collecting any information that would allow us to identify you. We will use a study number rather than your name on study records. The information you provide will be stored on a password and firewall protected computer in Dr. LaForme Fiss's office. Your name and other facts that might point to you will not appear when we present this study or publish its results. The findings will be summarized and reported in group form. You will not be identified personally.

VII. Contact Persons:

Contact Dr. Alyssa LaForme Fiss at phtacl@langate.gsu.edu if you have questions about this study. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a participant in this research study, you may contact Susan Vogtner in the Office of Research Integrity at 404-413-3513 or svogtner1@gsu.edu.

VIII. Copy of Consent Form to Subject:

You can print this copy and keep it for your records.