

# TYPES OF PEDIATRIC WHEELCHAIRS

Many children benefit from more than one mobility device!!

## MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

A wheelchair that is pushed by the child or a caregiver.

Best for:

- Children with sufficient arm strength to self-propel
- Shorter distances
- School and community use

Benefits:

- Lightweight
- Easy to transport
- Lower maintenance



## POWER WHEELCHAIR

A wheelchair operated using a joystick, switches, or other drive controls.

Best for:

- Children with limited strength or endurance
- Independent mobility in home, school, and community settings

Benefits:

- Promotes independence
- Reduces caregiver assistance
- Can include power seating functions



## POWER-ASSIST WHEELCHAIR

A manual wheelchair with motorized assistance to help propel the chair.

Best for:

- Children who can self-propel but fatigue easily
- Caregivers who push the wheelchair frequently

Benefits:

- Requires less effort
- Extends mobility distances



## TILT-IN-SPACE WHEELCHAIR

The entire seating system tilts backward while maintaining the child's sitting posture.

May help with:

- Pressure relief
- Positioning needs
- Fatigue management
- Head and trunk support



## STANDING WHEELCHAIR

Allows a child to safely move from sitting to a standing position.

Potential benefits:

- Increased participation at eye level with peers
- Opportunities for weight-bearing
- Access to different environments



## ADAPTIVE STROLLER

A specialized stroller designed for children who require positioning support but do not need a wheelchair full-time.

Best for:

- Community outings
- Children with limited endurance



## SPORTS WHEELCHAIR

Designed for recreational and competitive sports.

Examples:

- Basketball
- Tennis
- Adaptive recreation programs

Benefits:

- Supports physical activity
- Encourages participation with peers
- Builds confidence and independence



## ALL-TERRAIN WHEELCHAIR

Designed to travel on grass, sand, gravel, and uneven outdoor surfaces.

Benefits:

- Access to parks, trails, beaches, and outdoor activities
- Increased participation in family and community events



The best mobility solution is the one that supports your child's comfort, independence, participation, and daily activities across different environments.