

## **DECISION MATRIX**

## SHOWER CHAIR

#### General:

- Weight of client? The standard weight capacity is 250 lbs. Optional up to 600 lbs.
- Seat Width of client? The standard seat width is 17.5". Optional up to 30".

# Backrest: Standard Backrest Height is 21"

- Does client have upper body strength to sit comfortably with this standard seat back height?
- Is a taller backrest in order?
- Is it necessary to save room by using a straight backrest without a push handle vs. the molded backrest with push handle?
- Does the client need a custom, fixed angled backrest up to 20 degrees past vertical? This will increase the overall depth of the unit.
- Is a multi-position reclining backrest necessary? This will increase the overall depth of the unit.
- Does the client require a torso belt?
- Are lateral supports necessary for additional torso support?
- Does the client need a Reducer Cushion to snug into position while in the chair? It can be removed as client grows?
- Is a head bolster necessary for head positioning (used only on tall backrests)?
- Does the client need an "H" or "X" Harness to hold them in position comfortably in the chair?
- Would a solid backrest (padded panels) vs. a tension adjustable mesh backrest work best for client?

## **Seating & Positioning:** Standard seat depth is 18"

- Is the standard seat depth adequate for the client's leg length?
- If ordering a Wide or Extra Wide model, the seat depth is increased 2". If the client is using the unit for toileting purposes should the extra seat depth be placed in the front by moving the seat to the rear, or in the rear by moving the seat forward on the frame? (Recommend front if using for toileting)
- Does the client need a Soft Seat Overlay in addition to the integral skin foam seat?
- Does the client need a Commode Pail?
- Is a Splash Guard necessary for over the commode for toileting?
- Is a Urine Deflector necessary?
- Does the client require the front of the seat elevated (dump)?
- Is a Reducer Ring necessary to decrease the size of the commode seat opening?
- Does the client need a solid seat? (a solid flat plate for supporting a customer specific seat cushion).
- Does the customer require the seat opening to be reversed?
- Are padded armrests necessary?
- Are Curved Armrests an option that would assist in either giving the client a little more room (convex) or reducing the distance between the arms (concave)?

## **Rolling Chassis:** Standard Seat Height is 23" or 20" depending upon the clearance height of 20" or 17".

- Is the client going to pivot transfer or slide transfer? Are swing away arms required to help facilitate a transfer?
- What seat height is best to accomplish the client's needs? Does the device need to roll over a toilet?
- What is the clearance height of the commode? Make sure the device will clear over their toilet.
- Does the client need a footrest? Will the position of the slide-out footrest work with the client's lower leg length? The Pull-out footrest can be moved above the front cross bar reducing the distance from the seat to the footrest by 2". A fold-down footrest will be at the height of the front cross bar.

## **Convenience:**

Would a Shower Wand Holder or Shower Caddie benefit the client?