

Charlotte Rehabilitation. His chair has an invacare frame with swing away foot rests, an elite back, large back wheels and an H-harness with removable arm rests and a tray. He was assessed for a power chair last January through March, but he's not yet ready for it. His mother reported that he could drive it but didn't have all the checks needed to be approved for one at that time. He uses a Convoid stroller for shorter trips. His parents are interested in adapting the wheelchair for all terrain so that he can participate during family hiking. He has bilateral AFO's that are made by Hanger Prosthetics.

SUMMARY: Matthew has progressed beautifully with his home program of therapy for gross motor skills. He displays functional ambulation in his home with standby guarding for safety and occasional contact assistance. He is involved in daily activities that maintain and support his muscle strength, mobility and joint range of motion. The activities that he is doing daily are very similar to what he would be doing in a rehabilitation environment and his family is to be commended. Matthew also has been and continues to be provided with community recreational activities that have included swimming, horseback riding and trike riding. These activities have all worked toward maintaining and improving his functional mobility in his home.

Matthew is a functional walker on leveled surfaces. His endurance is sufficient for the home and for some outdoor distances. He requires the use of a wheelchair for longer distances and to promote optimum postural alignment during table tasks.

Recommendations: Matthew obviously has an excellent home program of exercises to maintain and improve his muscle strength and functional mobility in his home and for community excursions. He will benefit from continuation of these activities under the supervision of his mother and sister.

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