



a place of mind



## **POWER Mobility: Phase 3 Feasibility Study**

### **Examining feasibility of conducting research on children's power mobility use and participation in everyday life activities**

Investigators at the University of British Columbia and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children are conducting a study investigating the feasibility of conducting research measuring the impact of providing a new power wheelchair, on wheelchair driving performance and participation in everyday activities for children and youth with significant mobility limitations.

#### **You and your child are invited to participate if your child:**

- is 5 to 17 years of age and
- has a long term physical disability that makes walking challenging
- is currently using a power wheelchair or has been recommended for a new power wheelchair by their therapist
- is able to operate their power wheelchair with age appropriate supervision
- will use their power wheelchair regularly (at least weekly)

#### **What do you and your child need to do?**

- Your child will perform a variety of driving skills using their power wheelchair.
- You and your child will complete assessments about what he/she does during the day, how he/she uses the wheelchair to do the things he/she wants or needs to do, and what challenges he/she has while participating in those activities with his/her wheelchair.
- Each session will take no more than 2.0 hours.
- If he/she currently uses a power wheelchair and is not receiving new equipment, he/she will be seen 2 times over a two week period.  
or
- If your child is receiving a new power wheelchair he/she will be seen 5 times over six months- two times before (about 2 weeks apart), and three times after he/she receives the power wheelchair (within the first week, after the first month, and after 3 months).
- You will provide written informed consent to participate in the study.
- You will be paid an honorarium to offset your expenses.
- Taking part is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time.

#### **Where will these assessments take place?**

These sessions will take place at a time and location of your convenience. This may be at your home, your child's school, in your neighborhood, or at GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre (4255 Laurel St.), or ICORD Blusson Pavillion (818 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.) in Vancouver.

#### **Who to contact for more information?**

For more information or to take part in this study, please call **Debbie Field** at **604-719-8588** or email her at **dfield1@interchange.ubc.ca**.