Assessment form: Walking aids



1. Information about the person

First Name:		Fam	Family Name:				Weight:				
Gender:	Ма	le 🗌	Female	Other] Age	0-5		6-18	19-39	40-54	55+
Telephon	e:				Address	:					

2. Assessment interview

Known health problems								
Diabetes Fra	cture Stroke	Frail	Foot/leg amputation	Arthritis				
Polio Unknown Other								
Activity and ability								
Do you have pain, weakness or discomfort when standing or walking? Yes No								
Weight bearing	Two legs	> Stronge	r leg: Left 🗌 Righ	nt 📃				
Do you walk on one or tw	o legs? One leg only: □ → Left □ Right □							
Upper body	Yes, both 🗌> Can you grip and hold onto things easily? Yes 📃 No 🗌							
Can you use both hands?	Can you carry things easily? Yes No							
bour nanus:	One hand only — Left 🗌 Right 🗌							
Balance and falls risk	Do you worry about falling over, or do you fall often? 👍 Yes 📃 🛛 No 🗌							
Environment	Would you like to use your walking aid on: Sandy / uneven ground Stairs							
🖉 Notes:								
For people who already have a walking aid								
Walking aid type	Walking stick Elbow crutches Axilla crutches							
	Walking frame Rollator Other							
Does the walking aid suit	you and your needs?	Yes	No 🗌					
Is the walking aid correct	y fitted?	Yes						
Is the walking aid in good	working order?	Yes	No 🗌					
Additional information	needed for using a walking	y aid - do you	have:					
Grurrent foot wound	🕝 Current foot wound 🔄 Healed foot wound 🔄 🍙 Feeling (sensation) problems: Hands 🔄 Feet							
Difficulty seeing or hearing A prosthesis Difficulty remembering instructions Other								
Is one side of the body stronger than the other?								
3. Plan								
Use current walking aid	Yes, no action needed	Yes, w	vith adjustment	Yes, with repair				
Provide new	Walking stick: Pair Single Elbow crutches: Pair Single							
walking aid	Axilla crutches: Pair Walking frame Rollator Other							
Mobility training	Standing / sitting Walking Stairs Other							
Refer to another	Wheelchair C Re	habilitation	Prosthesis/orthosis	Follow-up date				

Rehabilitation

Diabetes care

Prosthesis/orthosis

Other

Grad Referral recommended Ø Write notes here

Refer to another

service for:

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Wheelchair

Medical care

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Selection table: Walking aids



Step 1: Select		Less support	→ More support					
	a walking aid with the person, ount their health, ability, nd preference.	Walking stick	Two walking sticks	Elbow crutches	Axilla crutches	Rollator	Walking frame	
Weight bearing	Can only walk with one leg	Х	Х	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	✓ With caution	
	Can walk with two legs	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓ suitable for long term use	✓ only if no other aids available	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Hand function	Can only use one hand	\checkmark	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Can grip and carry things easily with both hands	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Can use both hands but cannot grip and hold things easily	If a person has difficulties gripping and holding things, you may need to try the different walking aid options available to see which one the person finds easiest to manage.						
Balance and falls risk	Feels worried about falling over or falls often	X	✓ With caution	Х	Х	\checkmark	✓	
Environment	Will use the walking aid on stairs	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	X	
	Will use the walking aid on sandy or uneven ground	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	X	
Step 2: Fit • Stand upright • Elbows slightly bent • Hand grips level with wrist								

Walking sticks

Single point sticks are easier to use on uneven ground than tripod and quadripod sticks. Tripod and quadripod sticks are more stable on flat ground.

Crutches

More balance is needed to use elbow crutches than axilla crutches. Elbow crutches are better than axila crutches for long term use and also if the person is able to walk on both legs. Walking frame - weight bearing on one leg If the person has a diabetes or risk of foot wounds, hopping with a walking frame should be avoided. Hopping on a foot at risk can cause damage.