# Assessment form: Dressing aids



### 1. Information about the person

First name:			Family na	ame:			Gender:	Male	: <b></b>	Female □	Other □
Age:	0-5 □	6-18 🗆	19-39 □	40-54 E	□ 55	5+ 🗆	Telephon	e:			
Address:								•			

### 2. Assessment interview

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Thinking skills									
Do you have difficulties with planning and remembering?		No □ → Move to vision skills.							
		Yes □ → Complete thinking skills questions, then move to vision skills.							
Difficulty planning what yo			ou are going to wear?	Yes □	If yes	If yes to any → Other assistive products for thinking skills may help. Assess for other assistive products and/or ☐ Refer			
you have:  Difficulty putting clothes or and the right way?		n in the right order	Yes □	other					
	Difficulty remember	ing to	get dressed?	Yes □	to a re	to a rehabilitation service.			
Vision	skills								
with vision?		→ Move to physical skills.							
		Yes [	Yes □ → Complete vision skills questions, then move to physical skills.						
Do	Difficulty locating ar	nd sele	ecting clothes to wear? Yes 🗆 📙			If yes to any 👉 Refer to a vision or			
you have:	Difficulty seeing the	right v	way to put clothes on?	Yes □		abilitation			
Physic	al skills								
Do you have difficulties with		No □ → Move to plan.							
physic	physical activities?		Yes □ → Complete	physical s	uestions, then move to plan.				
	Difficulty lifting or moving your leg/s to put on or take off clothes?				If yes to any → Dressing aids may help. Refer to selection table.				
	Difficulty lifting or m or take off clothes?	one arm to put on	Yes □		dressing aids do not help 🖨 Refer to rehabilitation service.				
Do	Difficulty lifting or m or take off clothes?	both arms to put on	Yes □	If yes → Dressing aids may not help  ☐ Refer to a rehabilitation service.					
you have:	Difficulty using your zips and buttons?	s to do up or undo faste	eners suc	$\mid {}^{Yes} \sqcup \mid lf  yes  to  any \longrightarrow Dre$		If yes to any → Dressing aids may help. Refer to			
	Difficulty reaching for	picking up clothes or s	hoes?		Yes □	selection table.  If dressing aids do not			
	Difficulty leaning for	o put on or pull off clot	nes or shoes?		Yes □	help  Refer to a rehabilitation service.			
	Difficulty with balance when dressing or undressing?					Yes □			

### 3. Plan

Select dressing aid/s:	Reach and grab tool ☐ Button hook and zip puller ☐ Dressing stick ☐ Sock aid ☐ Long handle shoe horn ☐	Follow up date: 🖍					
Teach about:	Changing dressing position: Sitting □ Lying □ Changing how to get dressed or undressed □ Different types of clothing and shoes □ How to use and look after dressing aid □						
Refer:	Rehabilitation service   Vision service   Other assistive	product					

## Selection table: Dressing aids



Step 1: S	Select	Assistive product							
person. To into accou	lect dressing aid with the select the right features, take nt the person's health, ability, railiable and choice.	Reach and grab tool	Dressing stick	Button hook and zip puller	Sock aid	Long handle shoe horn			
	Moving legs	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	X	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
	Moving one arm	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓ ✓</b>		X	<b>✓</b>			
	Moving both arms	X	X	X	X	X			
Physical difficulty with	Using hands to do up / undo buttons and zips	X	<b>✓</b>	<	X	X			
	Reaching for and picking up or pulling on/off clothes or shoes		<b>✓</b>	X	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
	Leaning forward	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	X	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
	Balance	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	X	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			
Remember		Good hand strength is needed to use a reach and grab tool.	C shaped hook can be used to pull zips open or closed.		Easier to use with both hands.				

Tips for
using
dressing
aids

### **Dressing position**

If a person gets tired getting dressed or has balance difficulties, consider changing dressing position. They may feel safer sitting or lying down.

### How to get dressed and undressed

If a person has a weaker side of the body, it may be easier to:

- Put clothes on the weaker side first
- Take clothes off the stronger side first.

#### Different types of clothing and shoes

If a person has difficulty with getting certain types of clothes or shoes on or off suggest choosing:

- Clothes that are stretchy or loose
- Clothes without buttons or zips
- Shoes without laces such as slip on shoes or shoes with Velcro closures.