



Taking clinical photos

When doing both an assessment and fitting it is important to take photographic records. All photos should have the signed consent of the user, or if a child, their parent or guardian. Consent should indicate the purpose of the photos e.g. clinical assessment, publication or training. Photos must be stored safely to avoid misuse. Photos should be full body views taken with light source behind you.

The following assessment photos need to accompany the assessment forms:
A back view, a front view and views from both sides.

These views of the client should be set up in the following manner:

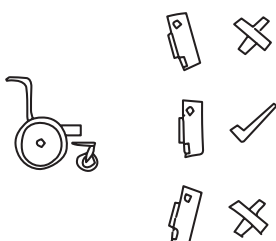
- 1 Remove distracting elements in background
- 2 A set of views while sitting with minimal support (enough support to just prevent falling over) on firm flat surface with feet supported.
- 3 A set of views while sitting in the most upright position possible (providing all necessary hands-on postural support you want the device to provide to the client).
- 4 Detail of deviations of spine eg. scoliosis, kyphosis (unsupported & supported/corrected).
- 5 Detail of any other contractures or postural deviations (unsupported & corrected).
- 6 Check your photo quality before the client leaves so that you can repeat if necessary.

HOW TO IMPROVE PHOTO QUALITY



POSITIONING THE SOURCE OF LIGHT:

- Ensure that you are in a well-lit area with the light (window/door/sun) behind you.
- Natural light from a window will enhance the quality more than only relying on the flash.
- Always use a fill-in flash even when outside. This will ensure that the subject matter is not under exposed (too dark) as this will not show detail.
- Ensure that you position the client against a white or light coloured background. This will show more contrast and therefore also more details.



POSITIONING THE CAMERA:

- The best results will be when the camera is held at approximately the same height as the client being photographed.
- Positioning the camera too high or too low will result in a distorted perspective of the subject being photographed.
- Ensure that the shutter button is pushed in half way to allow for auto focus, and then push the shutter button all the way to take the photo without moving the camera.

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