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ABSTRACT

A prototype of a lift for the disabled was tested in a clinical trial conducted by two occupational therapists and the lift's engineer developer. Six severely disabled and five non-disabled persons (attendants and health care professionals) used the lift in the test setting for a variety of transfers. Subsequently, each person completed an interview questionnaire evaluation with the therapists and engineer. The lift was very positively evaluated by all participants and they regarded it as having distinct advantages over any currently available lifts. Results of the trial suggested a number of minor modifications as well as the need for specific revisions to the sling, and it is recommended that this be followed by further testing of this component.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this clinical trial was to provide an opportunity for potential disabled consumers and health care professionals to observe, try out, evaluate, and comment on a prototype for a unique, newly developed patient lifting aid. The information obtained will be used by the developer to modify and improve the lift design as a viable and marketable assistive device for the physically disabled.

METHODS

1. Subjects:

A total of twelve subjects known to the occupational therapist were identified based on criteria including;

- a) that their level of disability was similar to that of the population that the lift is designed for, and
- b) that they and their attendants could be counted on to give open and discerning feedback.

These individuals were approached by the therapist, the trial was explained to them, and they were asked if they were willing to participate. Of the twelve, six were able to participate. Two were unable to take part due to timetable conflicts, two became ill the day before testing, one was hospitalized during the testing period, and one individual declined to participate stating they were "too modest" and did "...not want to try strange equipment in a strange place with strangers watching."

The occupational therapist provided any assistance required by the subjects as far as arranging and booking transportation or the Bus for the Handicapped.

Table 1 describes the disabled subjects.

In summary, the disabled sample included three males and three females. Of these, two had multiple sclerosis, two had muscular dystrophy, and two were quadriplegics. All were between the ages of 30 and 60. Three participants were accompanied by their attendants who also took part in the lift evaluation and completion of the questionnaire. One of the attendants also tried the lift.

Subject	Age	Sex	Body Build	Diagnosis
1	42	F	Medium height, very obese.	Muscular dystrophy
2	56	F	Tall, thin.	Multiple sclerosis
3	39	M	Medium height, thin.	Multiple sclerosis
4	60	M	Medium height, medium weight.	Quadriplegic
5	45	F	Medium height, thin.	Friedreich's Ataxia (M.D. classification)
6	32	М	Tall, very obese.	Quadriplegia.

Table 1. Description of Disabled Participants.

In addition to the disabled portion of the sample, 5 physically able health care professionals used and assessed the lift and completed the questionnaire evaluation. There was a total of 12 evaluations completed in the clinical trial.

2. Setting:

The trials were all conducted in the Queen's University School of Rehabilitation Therapy. The setting was selected as it was reasonably convenient for all subjects, and is wheelchair accessible. It also has a therapeutic laboratory ideally suited to transfer assessment as it contains a hospital bed, toilet, and bathtub. The simulated domestic type construction frame, built by the lift developer to suspend the lift, could be set up and remain in this lab for the trial period. A six inch raised toilet seat and padded, backed bath bench were rented to be available if needed for specific transfers.

3. Questionnaire:

The evaluation questionnaire (see Appendix A) was designed by the two occupational therapists. Item selection was based on their clinical experience in assistive device prescription, design, evaluation, and user education. The questionnaire is designed to be administered by interview. It has a section for comments and a 5 point Likert scale can be used to generate a numerical score.

4. Trials Protocol:

Each subject attended a scheduled 1-1.5 hour assessment session with the two occupational therapists and the engineer. Their attendants or primary caregivers were encouraged to participate and give feedback.

On arrival each subject was reminded that the goal of the session was to elicit their honest and open reactions and feedback about the lift. It was emphasized to them that the lift is still in its development phase and it is particularly useful for the designer to hear their criticisms and concerns at this time.

The evaluation form was shown to the subjects as a guide to the areas they might consider when evaluating the lift. Next, the lift was demonstrated by the therapists. If, after the demonstration, the subject or the attendants wished to try the lift, they were encouraged to do so. All of the subjects indicated that they wanted to try the lift.

Discussion, feedback, problem identification, and problem-solving took place among the subjects, attendants, therapists, and engineer throughout each trial. Following the trial the evaluation form was completed in an informal interview conducted by the therapists (see Appendix B for copies of the original scored interviews).

RESULTS

Table 2 presents a summary of the averaged results of the Likert scale scores on the questionnaire. In order to avoid possible skewing due to unanswered questions, all scores have been calculated as percentages of the total questions answered. Analysis consisted of averaging all respondents' scores for each item, summing them, and converting to percentage scores. Higher percent scores reflect a more positive evaluation of that aspect of the lift. Appendix C contains averages for individual items on the evaluation form.

Table 2. Average Evaluation Scores N=9

Design Features	90%
Ergonomics	73%
Specific Transfers	92%
Attendant Assisted Use	90%
Feasibility	78%

DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS

The results are discussed under the four headings used in the questionnaire; design features, ergonomics, specific transfers, and feasibility.

1. Design Features:

Generally, the lift performed extremely well in this category. Appearance and cosmesis were consistently scored as excellent. The only comment regarding speed was from one of the less disabled individuals who felt it was too slow. However, it is the investigators' opinion that a faster speed would be unsafe for the large majority of users.

Very few subjects commented on the noise of the lift. However, the investigators believe that the lift motor sounds noticably stressed as it operates. While it in fact performed very well, we think the sound of the motor is a problem sufficient to deter prospective buyers. If the operating parts cannot be modified, then perhaps the pitch of the noise can be deepened in some way, or soundproofing material could be used to line the housing.

2. Ergonomics:

In this report the ergonomics of the device refer to the compatibility of the technology and design with the characteristics of the user. Any assitive device for the physically disabled presents complex ergonomic challenges due to the tremendous range in potential users. Persons desiring to use this lift could range from physically disabled persons of all ages and sizes, with or without cognitive or perceptual impairments, who want to use the lift independently,... to attendants and primary caregivers of all ages and sizes, with varying cognitive and perceptual abilities, who will use the lift to assist someone. It is not possible for any one design to meet all of these needs. However, some are more critical and universal than others and they will be discussed here.

In most aspects the lift performed very satisfactorily from an ergonomics point of view. It was easy for the subjects and their attendants to understand and learn how to operate the lift. Most believed that a child, provided they were tall enough and strong enough to apply the sling, could assist a disabled person to transfer using the lift. Even when loaded there was minimal friction on the track and it was easy to slide the individual across. It is important to position the sling well under the individual's upper legs in order to provide adequate support. This can be difficult if the legs are heavy, and the subject's ability to do a push-up to lift their buttocks off the seat makes it much easier to slide the sling under them.

The clinical trial was particularly useful in identifying problems and possible solutions related to the sling. The sling design works reasonably well with slightly built, short or medium height persons but should be re-fashioned so as to sit them in greater hip flexion. This will better secure them in the sling and the increased hip flexion is an inhibiting posture for persons prone to dangerous extensor spasms. Also the neck line was noted to be too high for this group as they complained of it digging into the back of their heads and necks. Areas of high pressure caused discomfort about the legs for some. This seemed to be entirely due to a combination of the cut of the sling, the way it is designed to be worn (crossed between the legs versus slung under them, versus pulling the legs apart into hip abduction), and the location of the loops. In some cases the discomfort could be remedied by tugging and rearranging the sling once on. Before making drastic changes to the design, it is important to note that all of the subjects and attendants were using the sling for the first time. As with any piece of new equipment, each person takes time and practice to develop a technique that works for them.

The sling did not fit tall or obese persons satisfactorily. It tended to bunch under the legs and in the crotch and the associated pressure was painful for those with sensation and could cause skin damage to those without. The sling problems with this group were the same as with the smaller statured subjects, only intensified due to larger and heavier bodies and limbs.

A biomechanist, Dr. S. Olney, was asked to consult specifically on sling design during one of the trials. Among her suggestions was the need to lengthen the support arm of the sling under the upper leg and to stiffen the point of attachment of the leg loop to deter the sling from bunching under the leg. By extending support more distally under the upper leg the torque about the hip, and the tendency for the hip to fall into extension, will be reduced.

It may be impossible to design a sling for universal fit. The result may be a variety of sizes, or a few standard sizes with the possibility of custom design if needed.

The loops on the sling could be colour coded to avoid confusion when attaching them. One subject suggested a stiffening wire be inserted into the loops to make them easier to manage for those with reduced finger dexterity.

This lift appears to offer exciting opportunities for some severely disabled persons to transfer independently. However, it is the opinion of the investigators that this will depend very much on the abilities of individual users and their environments. There are no feasible major design changes that would universally improve the possibility of independent operation, without trade-offs with existing positive features of the lift.

3. Specific Transfers

The lift performed well for all transfers. As with all patient lifts, each person would have to work out their own system of getting clothing on and off to use the toilet. Sling application that adducts the hips (brings the legs together) would make tub transfers easier than the present hip abduction design. Independent operation of the lift would be improved by a cord hanging at either end of the track so that the person could grasp and pull themselves across. Once transferred across, independent users had difficulty seeing whether they were safely positioned over the seat before they lowered themselves onto it. A mirror on the wall, landmark cues, practice, and caution seem to be reasonable solutions to this problem.

4. Feasibility

Subjects were very excited about this lift and all felt they could and would use it were available. Maintenance protocols, and procedures in the event of battery/motor failure were explained and all indicated they were satisfied with these. The durability of the sling was questioned by some as it began to tear at a loop insertion during the later trials. An emergency system should be recommended to those intending to use the lift independently (e.g. alarm bell, call system). The cost concerned some subjects and this depended very much on their own financial situation and whether they thought they would be candidates for funding assistance to purchase a lift. It is suggested that the cost of track installation be separate from the price of the lift so that those who wish can organize their own installation to save All could see the lift being useful in many situations and settings, provided the track was in place. This lead a number of subjects to indicate that a free standing frame would be particularly useful for those wishing to travel. Also, questions were raised as to the feasibility of a hook for short transfers instead of ceiling track.

A summary of the advantages and disadvantages suggested by all subjects in answer to item 9 is as follows:

Advantages:

- the lift precludes the need to own a second lift since as long as track is installed in the workplace etc. the person can carry the unit with them in their wheelchair bag.
- the lift is out of the way unlike the large frame lifts.
- it is slightly less expensive than many of the available lifts.
- the lift does not require clearance under beds as do the frame lifts. Many beds do not have sufficient clearance for the other types of lifts.
- the lift is simpler to operate than other lifts.
- this lift is far more compact than other lifts.
- it is not "anxiety provoking" as are the frame type lifts.
- it is more versatile for various age groups to be attendants.
- maintenance is simple and the failure procedures are good.
- it is far more portable than other lifts.
- it is easier to operate than other lifts.

Disadvantages

- depending on body size and weight, the sling does not fit well and is not always comfortable.

- the motor sounds stressed when lifting and this can undermine one's confidence in the unit.
- while the track is one of the lift's positive features (no storage space, no obvious "equipment") the availability of tracking will limit portability and in the long term availability of an optional portable frame would be ideal.

CONCLUSION

The results of the clinical trial indicate that this lift prototype performs very well and is viewed by consumers and health care professionals as significantly superior in many ways to currently marketed lifts. The unique concept fills a number of requirements that other lifts do not. It appears to require modification of two aspects in order to improve its safety, appeal, and marketability. The sling needs revision of a number of features, and ideally the altering of the sound of the motor in some way would improve perceived reliability of the lift. Sling design is a difficult but critical aspect of a lift and once modifications have been done further testing is advised on various body shapes and sizes.

Appendix A

	ransfer requirements:
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5= A: DESIGN FEATURES	excellent COMMENTS
1. Appearance and cosmesis:	1 2 3 4 5
2. Noise:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:	1 2 3 4 5
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)	15
1. Comfort:	1 2 3 4 5
2. Comprehension required:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: b) attendant:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin:	1 2 3 4 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to severel e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	y disabled: 1 2 3 4 5
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for ind a) range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 5 d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:	ependent operation:

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5	
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C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Wheelchair <-> Tub:	1 2 3 4 5
4. Wheelchair <-> Toilet:	1 2 3 4 5
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):	1 2 3 4 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	1 2 3 4 5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?):	1 2 3 4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 4 5
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost:	1 2 3 4 5
8. General feasibility for independent operations	1 2 3 4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	1 2 3 4 5
	50 Total = /185

Trial No. 1: J.Y. Disability: M.D. Trans	ster requirements: home, travels (us	cl. Cambbean
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5= exc A: DESIGN FEATURES	cellent COMMENTS	•
		1 2 3 4(5)
1. Appearance and cosmesis:		9
2. Noise:		1 2 3 4(5)
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:		1 2 3 4 5
		15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)		
1. Comfort:		①2345
2. Comprehension required:		1 2 3 4 5
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: b) attendant: loops too swa	ul.	1 2 3 4 5) 1 2 3 4 7 5)
4. Safety a) perceived: harness publi	em t sling N/A	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin: Sturdiness ?	hi's unsure of sturdiners of sling	1 2 3 1 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to severely di e.g. urinary drainage systems, ?? Me Municipale	isabled:	1 2 3 4 🕏
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for indepensal range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 to 6 b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 5 d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:	ndent operation: close for her hands	

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5	
	95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
2. Bed (-) Wheelchair: N/A due to 8ling N/A due to	1 2 3 4 5
3. Wheelchair (-) Tub:	1 2 3 4 5
4. Wheelchair <-> Toilet:	1 2 3 4 5
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	,
1. Haintenance (vash, lubricate, battery charge): (plugged in each night \$10 hansfers) machine wash, hang dry	1 2 3 4 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 2 3 4(5)
3. Applicability (settings where feasible): Ownhome.	1 2 3 4 (5)
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?):	1 2 3 4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 4(5)
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional: 7. Mular where strap comes on of plastie.	1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost: \$2500.00	1 2 3 4(5)
8. General feasibility for independent operation: due to Slung of Pasition of unit	12 3 4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	1 2 3 (5)
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Trial No. 2. A.S. Disability: Transfer requirements: apartment mobile land	<u></u>
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5= excellent COMMENTS A: DESIGN FEATURES	·
1. Appearance and cosmesis: far better than others.	1 2 3 4 5
2. Noise: fix the pase pounding. Would the sound carry?	1 2 3 5
3. Speed of lifting/lovering action: of anything was too slow.	1 2 3 (15)
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)	•
1. Confort: too tight under thighs. Tight behind nich in Supine.	123 4 5
Sling under lego. 2. Comprehension required: loops could be source of confusion.	1 2 3 4 5
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: loops. b) attendant:	1 2 3 () 5 1 2 3 () 5
4. Safety a) perceived: when it engaged it sounds like will guit b) actual:	12345
5. Potential to danage skin: foolight ou skin: Sling under lego	1 3 4 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to severely disabled: e.g. urinary drainage systems, ? braces), clothing removal for foresting same as other lifts. 7. Acceptable functional capacities required for independent operation: a) range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 (Slieg sale)	1 2 3 🕙 5
a) range of motion: 12345 b) arm strength: 12345 c) hand function: 12345	
d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:	

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 kaght will limit b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5		
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C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS		•
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: + technique b) by attendant: 3+0 explacin	13 1 :	2 3 4 5
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 :	2 3 4 5
3. Wheelchair <-> Tub:	1	2 3 4 5
4. Wheelchair (-) Toilet: getting pauts down.	1	2 3 4 5
5. Other: W/c a big chaire		25
- conseras re finding ceilingéadequate supports. - portable frame? D. FEASIBILITY		
1. Haintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):	1	2 3 4(5)
supply grease from namfactures 2. Procedure if battery/notor fails:		2 3 4 (5)
3. Applicability (settings where feasible): Not mokile home.	1	2 3 4 5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?): as long as cirling strong enough.	i	2 3 4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1	2 3 4 5
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:		2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5
1. Cost: forthur back pain he may have no choice.	1	2 3 4(5)
8. General feasibility for independent operation:		2 3 4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	1	2 3 4 5
- Size of others too big, annet provoking	•	50
- one unit can serve several places in house.	Total=	/185

Disability: W.S.	Transfer requirements: home. Ludepende	at.
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SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= g	ood, 5= excellent COMMENTS	
A: DESIGN FEATURES	CONNENTS	
1. Appearance and cosmesis:		1 2 3 (4) 5
2. Noise: a luit	rocey.	1 2 3 4 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action: too se	_	1 2 3 4 5
		15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)		
1. Confort: Cross over medial los	ps to	123 4 5
2. Comprehension required: Harness 2		1 2 3 4 🕏
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: add b) attendant:	ang string or rope so be can pull suf across.	12345
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:		1 2 3 3 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin:		1 23 4 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	severely disabled:	1 265 4 5
c) hand function: 1 2 (d) muscle tone: 1 2 (e) head control: 1 (2) (f) co-ordination: 1 2 (g) perception/cognition: 1 2 (f)	94 5 3 0 5 94 5 3 0 5 3 4 5 3 0 5	

hand function - loops

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5	
	95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: outland / obb ok. b) by attendant:	1@3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 🗷 5
3. Wheelchair (-> Tub: NA	1 2 3 4 5
4. Wheelchair (-> Toilet:	1 2 3 4 5
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):	1 2 3 1 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	123005
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	1 2 3 4 🕏
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?): ? open hook.	1 2 3 4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 1 5
6. Durability: a) home: Couldn + t assess. b) institutional:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost:	1 2 3 4 5
8. General feasibility for independent operation:	1 2 3(4)5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts: - Sting not great - he doesn't have an all opprated left i. no exam.	1 2 3 4 5 50 Total= /185

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SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5		
A: DESIGN FEATURES	COMMENTS	
1. Appearance and cosmesis:		1 234 5
2. Noise:		1 2 3 9 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:		1 234 5
		15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)		•
1. Confort: heele. Perfers p	mercine on choulders.	123 4 5
2. Comprehension required:		1 2 3 4/3
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: Loops 400 b) attendant:	Prusel.	1 2 3 4 5
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:		1 2 3 @ 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin:		12346
6. Allowance for specific features common to severe e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	ely disabled:	1 2 3 4 5
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for in a) range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 5 d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:		

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8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 8 PC 5 . b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 . c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5 .	
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C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: Thinks she coved do endep b) by attendant:	12345
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 45
3. Wheelchair (-) Tub:	1 2 3 🚯 5
4. Wheelchair (-) Toilet: may be too slow? closury on loff.	1 23 4 5
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge): - very small Recharge	1 2 3 4 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 2 3 4(5)
- successionery but; dependent on cause someon for chaule. 3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	12345 EL
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other 11fts?).	12345
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 4 (5)
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:	1 2 3 4 6 0 1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost:	1 2 345
8. General feasibility for independent operation: Along & Loops.	1 2 3 4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts: Smaller move nusatile;	1 2 3 4 5
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SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5= excellent COMMENTS A: DESIGN FEATURES	
1. Appearance and cosmesis:	1 2 3 4 5
2. Noise:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:	1 2 3 🐠 5
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)	
1. Confort: different sling sizes, or simply adjustable strap lengths would be needed	1 2 3 4 5
2. Comprehension required:	12345
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: depends on user b) attendant:	1 2 3 (4) 5 1 2 3 4 (5)
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:	1 23 4 5 1 2 34 5
5. Potential to damage skin:	1 2 3 4 🕭
6. Allowance for specific features common to severely disabled: e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	1 2 3 🚱 5
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for independent operation: a) range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:	

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 over square b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5	
	95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 4(5)
3. Wheelchair (-> Tub:	1 2 3 4 5
4. Wheelchair <-> Toilet:	1 2 3 4 5
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Haintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):	1 2 3 🕢 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 ② 3 4 5
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	1 2 3 (1)5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?):	1 2 3 4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 4 🕏
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:	1 2 3 () 5 1 2 3 () 5
7. Cost:	1 2 3 🚯 5
8. General feasibility for independent operation:	1 2 3 (1)5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	1 2 3 🗷 5
- asy to transport i operate	50 Total= /185

Trial Mo	essione l.
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5= excellent COMMENTS A: DESIGN FEATURES	···································
1. Appearance and cossesis: -looks modern	1 2 3(4)5
2. Noise: It is noisy.	1 2(3)4 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action: It is rather slow, boot	1 23 6 5 <u>/()</u> 15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)	
1. Confort: It (sling) is uncomfortable when legs are lifted independently of exchanother.	1 2 3(4)5
2 Countehansian required: - minimal	12345
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: - must have leverage to move sling on the b) attendant: - track is very smooth	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin: Although the sling many out into one's legs the client is in the sling only temporarily.	1 2 3 4 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to severely disabled: e.g. urinary drainage systems, ?? It seems adaytable.	1 2 3(4)5
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for independent operation: a) range of motion: 12345 — necessary to arrange sling around b) arm strength: 12345 c) hand function: 12345 d) muscle tone: 12345 e) head control: 12345 g) perception/cognition: 12345 h) sensation: 12345 n) sensation: 12345 n) other:	

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5	<u>63</u> 95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:	1 2 3 4 5
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 (5)
3. Wheelchair <-> Tub:	1 2 3 4 5
4. Wheelchair (-) Toilet: Athough I did not see the transfer performed I am ske stical that the sling may be in the way. 5. Other:	1 (2)3 4 5 32 25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):	1 2 3 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	12345
3. Applicability (settings where feasible): - bedroom, washroom, living room - toilet?	1 2 3 4 5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?): - could possibly use with rings	1 2/3/4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport): - track must be moved; combane more than one track	1 2 3 6 5
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional: - with increased use, it may not last as long as in a home to some 10. Cost: - possibly not as expensive as other lifts but still is expensive	1 2 3 4 5
	1 2 (3) 4 5
8. General feasibility for independent operation: - need a grain land or loop	1 (2)3 4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts: -very Smooth running	1 2 3(4)5 35 50
Total:	: /30/185

Trial No Disability:	Transfer requirements:	Bromechanist / Phys	500 + herapist
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good,	5= excellent COMMENTS		··
A: DESIGN FEATURES	Julien (•	
1. Appearance and cosmesis:			1 2 3 4(5)
2. Noise:			1 2 3(4) 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:			1 2 3 4(5)
			15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)			
1. Comfort:			1 2 34)5
2. Comprehension required:			1 2 3 4(5)
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: b) attendant:			1 2 3 4 5) 1 2 3 4 5)
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:		+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	1 2 3 4 5) 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin: (The question of	à a publem 5 non	no potential to dange chin; !	1 2 3 4 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to sever e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	rely disabled: Pulling	The as lifting	1 23 4 5
c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 3 d) suscle tone: 1 2 3 4 3 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 3 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 3 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5	or, to place sling of very little sector of med some until sector would write sector out of your wites patient and getting sling	, ,	

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4(5) b) by adult: 1 2 3 4(5) c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4(5)		
		95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS		
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:		1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
2. Bed (-) Wheelchair: Will sling not fiel the legs together without kinding,		1 2 3 4(5)
3. Wheelchair (-) Tub:		1 2 3 (1)5
4. Wheelchair (-) Toilet:		1 2 3 4 5
5. Other:		25
D. FEASIBILITY		٠
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):		1 2 3 4 5
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge): 2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:		1 2 3 4 5
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):		1 2 3 4 5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?): On't know		1 2 3 4 5
5. Portability (ease of transport): **Xet without frame		1 2 3 4 5
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:	?	1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost:		1 2 3(3)
8. General feasibility for independent operation:		1 2 3 4(5)
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts: N/A .		1 2 3 4 5
- ,	Total=	50 /185

Disability:	Transfer requi	irements: 12	1106	bed	
quadriplegic.		VA:		Shau	commod
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good,	5= excellent	COMMENTS			
A: DESIGN FEATURES					•
1. Appearance and cosmesis:					1 2 3 (1)5
2. Noise:					1(2)3 4 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:					1 234 5
					15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)					
1. Confort: battery blo	ocko	vision			123 4 5
2. Comprehension required: dance	nstration	requ	u~ed		1 2 3 4 5
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: b) attendant:					1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:					1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin:					1 2 3 (4)5
6. Allowance for specific features common to seve e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	rely disabled:	could	be	impossib	1 2 3 (4) 8
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for a range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5					
b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 5	5 5	A			
d) muscle tone: 1234: e) head control: 1234:					
f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4	5				
g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3					

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation:	
a) by child: 1 2 3 (1)5 12 yr . Color b) by adult: 1 2 3 (15)	
c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2(3)45	
a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5 position: Problem	95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:	1 2 3 20 5
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 (5)
3. Wheelchair <-> Tub:	12345
4. Wheelchair <-> Toilet:	12345-
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge): X	1 2 3 4 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	1 2 3 (4)5
4. Adaptability tusable with frame from other lifts?):	LEP 3
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 (5)
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional: need to use to evaluate	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost:	1 234 5
8. General feasibility for independent operation:	17345
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	1 2 3 4 5
- don't need to worry about wheels	50
Total Total	
- Hour har on forehead	
toyer bar on forehead bed heads to be raised 8th clears	se e

Trial No. Trial No. Trial Tria	esperies requirements as the chead loops + training
quadriplegic	ransfer requirements: overhead loops + transfer requirements: overhead loops + transfer sel
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5=	
A: DESIGN FEATURES USED	Councus 2
1. Appearance and cosmesis:	1 2 3 (5
2. Noise:	1 2 3 4 🕏
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:	1 2 3
	15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)	
1. Confort: Sling ? ho	w long it would last. 12345 1235
2. Comprehension required:	Sensalvi 123 (5
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: needs sta b) attendant:	P 1 2 3 4 5
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual: problems & h	ip extension 12345 (2)345
5. Potential to damage skin: h.o. Servi	sation 12315 irrespurible user
6. Allowance for specific features common to severely e.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	y disabled: 1 2 3 (5
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for index a) range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 5 d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:	ependent operation:

A only needed

for bath transler.

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: b) by adult: c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5 C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	95
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: Not possible b) by attendant:	12345
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3() 5
3. Wheelchair (-> Tub: legs. apart would be problem	1 2 205
4. Wheelchair (-> Toilet:	12345
5. Other:	25
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Haintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge): Shirt we arry out	1 2 3 4 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 2 3 4 5
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	1 2 3 4 5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?):	-12345
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 4(5)
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:	1 2 3 4 5
7. Cost: por an issue - CPA would pay	1 2 3 4 5
8. General feasibility for independent operation:	_ 1 2(3)4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	1 2 3 4
. 1	50 otal= /185

Appendix C

	requirements:	
SCORING: 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= fair, 4= good, 5= excell A: DESIGN FEATURES	lent COMMENTS	··································
1. Appearance and cosmesis:		1 2 3 4(5)
2. Noise:	·	1 2 3 🚯 5
3. Speed of lifting/lowering action:	90.39	1 2 3 4 5 15 15
B. ERGONOMICS: (human/technology match)		
1. Comfort:		1 23 4 5
2. Comprehension required:		1 2 3(4)5
3. Ease of operation: a) independent: b) attendant:		1 2 3 (4) 5 1 2 3 4(5)
4. Safety a) perceived: b) actual:		1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
5. Potential to damage skin:		1 234 5
6. Allowance for specific features common to severely disale.g. urinary drainage systems, ??	bled:	123@5
7. Acceptable functional capacities required for independent a) range of motion: 1 2 3 4 5 b) arm strength: 1 2 3 4 5 c) hand function: 1 2 3 4 5 d) muscle tone: 1 2 3 4 5 e) head control: 1 2 3 4 5 f) co-ordination: 1 2 3 4 5 g) perception/cognition: 1 2 3 4 5 h) sensation: 1 2 3 4 5 i) other:	nt operation: 73% ———	<u>59</u> 80

8. Acceptable functional capacities required for attendant operation: a) by child: 1 2 3 4 5 b) by adult: 1 2 3 4 5 c) by elderly or infirm adult: 1 2 3 4 5	90.3% 13 35
C. SPECIFIC TRANSFERS	,
1. Sling on/off: a) independently: b) by attendant:	1 2 (3) 4 5 1 2 3 4 (5)
2. Bed <-> Wheelchair:	1 2 3 4(5)
3. Wheelchair (-> Tub:	1 2 3 4 (5)
4. Wheelchair (-> Toilet:	92% 23 4(§)
5. Other:	
D. FEASIBILITY	
1. Maintenance (wash, lubricate, battery charge):	1 2 3 🚯 5
2. Procedure if battery/motor fails:	1 2 3 🚱 5
3. Applicability (settings where feasible):	1 2 3 4 5
4. Adaptability (usable with frame from other lifts?):	1 2 3 1 5
5. Portability (ease of transport):	1 2 3 🕢 5
6. Durability: a) home: b) institutional:	1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 5 5
7. Cost:	1 2 3 🛈 5
B. General feasibility for independent operation:	1 2 3 4 5
9. Advantages/disadvantages over other attendant operated lifts:	76% 123@5 39
	Total = 147 /185
	= 80%

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