

About The Positioning And Mobility Team

The Positioning and Mobility team provides positioning and mobility services to meet the needs of British Columbia's children with physical disabilities.

The team performs assessments, provides equipment and follow-up services, and conducts educational, research and development activities. Clinical and technical services are available at Sunny Hill, and in the children's home communities.

About Sunny Hill

Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children is a provincial facility offering specialized services to children with disabilities, their families and communities throughout British Columbia. Using a family-centred approach, Sunny Hill helps promote the healthy development of children and youth by supporting families and community service providers in their efforts. It is also a resource for educational services and information about disabilities. Services are delivered close to home in a child's community, or on site at Sunny Hill, located in Vancouver.

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Why Is Positioning And Mobility Important To Your Child?

The ability to sit or move independently enhances a child's ability to participate in daily activities, and is important for physical and cognitive development. Specialized assessment and prescription of posture control and support equipment can improve a child's ability to function. Mobility equipment such as wheelchairs can help a child access their environment.

What Does The Positioning And Mobility Team Do?

The Positioning and Mobility Team (PMT):

- Provides assessment and follow-up on:
 - Seating, standing & alternate positioning – such as for bathing and sleeping
 - Manual and powered mobility – including wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, and tricycles
- Makes positioning and mobility recommendations based on an in-depth evaluation of each child
- Makes recommendations based on the assessment and assists with implementing them
- Designs and builds custom solutions when commercial products are not appropriate
- Participates in positioning and mobility research
- Maintains expertise through product evaluation and information exchange



Who Is On The PM Team?

The PM Team includes:

- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Seating Technicians
- Rehabilitation Engineers

Our team works closely with:

- Your child's family
- Your child's community team
- Other specialists at Sunny Hill

Together we address concerns such as feeding, spasticity, pain, orthopedics and recovery from brain injury.

Where Does The PM Team Provide Service?

We work with you to determine the best way to deliver service, including:

- Appointments with the child, parents, caregivers and community team members at Sunny Hill
- Appointments at another location, including home, school, preschool, Child Development Centres
- Telephone consultation
- Telehealth (videoconferencing)
- Information sent by mail
- In-services
- Workshops



How Can You Get A Referral To The PM Team?

Just send a pediatrician's referral to the Sunny Hill Health Centre Health Records Department, describing the services your child requires. This should be followed by reports from your child's community care team, detailing his/her situation and needs.

A member of your child's team will contact you to review your child's needs and goals, and to schedule an assessment.

Is There Funding Available For Equipment?

When equipment is recommended, our team works closely with you and your community team to help access funding.

Potential sources of funding may include:

- The At Home Program, through the BC Ministry of Children & Family Development
- Community service groups
- Charitable organizations
- Third party extended health benefits
- Non-Insured Health Benefits, through the federal government's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
- The Interim Federal Health program (IFH), through Citizenship and Immigration Canada

