

Example Letter of Medical Necessity

April 28, 1998

Re: Victor B.
DOB: 1-1-88
Dx: Cerebral Palsy, Seizure Disorder
Physician: Dr. Jones

To Whom It May Concern:

Victor is a 10-year-old male with cerebral palsy and seizure disorder. His main means of mobility currently is wheelchair propulsion. However, if Victor is given support at his trunk, he ambulates short distances with reciprocal, crouched gait.

Victor requires bilateral knee immobilizers to correct his knee flexion contractures. He is at -24° from knee extension on the right and -20° on the left. This is significant enough to impair his function by causing crouched gait and limiting long sit and standing capabilities.

Victor requires a LiteGait Junior Gait Trainer. When this equipment was sampled on Victor he had proper trunk extension and postural support to allow supervised ambulation on level surfaces and on the treadmill. This is significant for Victor because it allows increased weight bearing to prevent osteoporosis, it works large muscle groups to provide necessary cardiovascular endurance training, and it allows for more effective gait training by freeing the therapist's hands to provide manual cues rather than weight support. Ultimately, these will all increase his functional ambulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jones