

A JUSTIFICATION GUIDE FOR LETTERS OF MEDICAL NECESSITY:

A supplement for wheelchair evaluations

VELOCE

An ultra lightweight wheelchair is required for following activities:	to accomplish one or more of the
Grooming/Hygiene	
Bathing	
E Feeding	
Meal Prep	
Home Management	
☐ Work/school access	

______ is unable to independently complete _______ activities of daily living from a standing position, or with a cane, walker or crutches or standard wheelchair due to (choose reason individual cannot complete these activities with cane, walker or crutches, or standard wheelchair)

______has demonstrated the ability to use an optimally configured ultra lightweight manual wheelchair within their home for mobility related activities of daily living.

This wheelchair must be adjusted to meet	_ needs, without these specific adjustments to
(insert specific adjustment, see below),	will not be
able to independently move themselves within their environment or cor	mplete their tasks.

- Center of Gravity (axle position)
- Seat Slope/Back Angle (seat to floor height different in front and rear of wheelchair)

🗌 Camber

______ does not have the ability to accomplish mobility related ADLs without the requested optimally configured ultra lightweight manual wheelchair. They do not have the ability to stand to accomplish these activities with cane, crutches or a walker as stated above.



They cannot propel a standard, or high-strength lightweight manual wheelchair as they are both too heavy, and cannot be adjusted properly to fit the unique needs of ______ because they do not have the ability to adjust in the way an ultra lightweight manual wheelchair does and is manufactured to do.

The adjustments on the ultra lightwe	ight manual wheelchair a	allow the device to be fit to	
to decrease strain on the upper extre	mities, decrease rolling r	resistance, and make the device of	overall more efficient to
push. ¹⁻²⁻³ This ability to fit the wheelch	nair to	and not	to the
wheelchair will allow for optimum inc	dependence in whatever	capacity is required	Without this
device,	may be dependent on a c	caregiver and not be able to com	plete activities without
assistance.			

- Home
- School
- Community
- Work

On the VELOCE models, the COG can be adjusted in ¼ inch increments both horizontally and vertically, allowing
 to be seated for optimal efficiency. Because it is adjustable, the COG can be adjusted as
 changes over time, ensuring the ultralightweight wheelchair can be used for a longer
 period than a standard wheelchair or high-strength lightweight manual wheelchair.

Evidence states that an optimal axle position can make the wheelchair more efficient and therefore easier to propel. (see references at end of document).¹⁻²⁻³

Camber is NOT available on any other type of wheelchair other than an ultra lightweight manual wheelchair. requires camber in their wheelchair to assist them with maneuverability, turning easier, and increasing the overall stability. Because ______ requires camber on their wheelchair, the ultra lightweight manual wheelchair is the only option for maximum independence.

The customization of seat width, seat depth, rear axle position (COG), rear seat-to-floor height (slope) and camber,
together provide optimal axle position for propulsion and function	on. This is individually measured and configured for
optimal push-rim biomechanics of	. The ultra lightweight manual wheelchair will
accommodate the postural needs of	, promoting a lifetime of independence and improved
quality of life.	



CARBON FIBER

_ requires an even lighter material that standard aluminum. __

will benefit from carbon fiber because it is exceptionally lightweight as well as very strong. Their pain, spasticity and weakness make it difficult to even propel the alunimum ultra lightweight manual wheelchair. The vibration damping quality of carbon fiber can eliminate a large portion of the everyday vibration that is transmitted up to

______which can help to decrease pain, increase energy, and decrease the number of spasms.

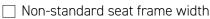
(See CF Justification sheet)

VELOCE SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATION

- A folding frame that performs like a rigid frame wheelchair
- Fixed front end for increased rigidity and stability
- □ Increased rigidity makes the wheelchair more responsive to user input, less fatigue, decreased energy expenditure and improved efficiency throughout the day
- Requires folding option with extreme light weight for transfers/caregiver etc.
- Has HD option, allowing up to 350 lb. clients to be independent in a manual wheelchair

HD OPTION - 265-350 WEIGHT CAPACITY

Seat	Width
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Seat Depth

Non-standard seat frame depth

COMPONENTS



	/C-19 TRANSIT TIE DOWN WITH Q'STRAINT BELT SHORT BELT
	/C-19 TRANSIT TIE DOWN WITH Q'STRAINT BELT LONG BELT
	To utilize public transportation
	Q'straint belt can be attached to in vehicle system
	For transportation IN the wheelchair
	/C-19 TRANSIT TIE DOWN WITHOUT BELT
	To utilize public transportation
	For transportation IN the wheelchair
	TER OPTIONS
	NEUMATIC CASTERS
	Softer ride to help to control pain and spasticity
	EWTON ULTRACASTERS COMPOSITE OR ALUMINUM
	For use in multi-terrain environments
	Material of tire is softer
	Smoother ride to potentially help control pain
	Aluminum hub material for added durability
	Aluminum red sleeve between metal bearings and metal hub ensures easier bearing maintenance
	ARBON FIBER FROG LEGS SUSPENSION FORKS
	Provides additional shock absorption
	Provides increased comfort to ride
	TPLATE OPTIONS
	OOTPLATE: NEWTON ANGLE ADJUSTABLE COMPOSITE (TWO PIECE)
	For full foot coverage/support to match user foot position
	Lightweight with rubber grips, can individually remove rubber nipples for adding hardware for positioning straps
	OOTPLATE: NEWTON ANGLE ADJUSTABLE ALUMINUM (TWO PIECE)
	For full foot coverage/support to match user foot position
	More robust and heaviest option, has slits for adding positioning straps
	OOTPLATE: NEWTON ANGLE ADJUSTABLE CARBON FIBER (TWO PIECE)
	For full foot coverage/support to match user foot position
	Very strong but super lightweight with rubber grips, no additional holes for mounting positioning straps except for heel loop
	OOTPLATE: ONCE PIECE ADJUSTABLE ANGLE FLIP UP ALUMINUM
	Will "rigidize" front hangers on folding chair
	Flip up completely out of the way for transfers
	OOTPLATE: ONCE PIECE ADJUSTABLE ANGLE FLIP CARBON FIBER Will "rigidize" front hangers on folding chair
	Flip up completely out of the way for transfers
ļ	Lightest option in this category



FOOTPLATE: ONE PIECE AUTO-FOLDING ADJUSTABLE ANGLE ALUMINUM

• One piece aluminum adjustable angle footplate maintains proper foot position while sitting in the chair

• Flips up/down automatically with folding/opening of frame

Does not remove for transfers

FOOTPLATE: ONE PIECE AUTO-FOLDING ADJUSTABLE ANGLE CARBON FIBER WITH RUBBER INSERTS

• One piece carbon fiber adjustable angle footplate maintains proper foot position while sitting in the chair

• Flips up/down automatically with folding/opening of frame

Does not remove for transfers

Lightest possible option

FOOTPLATE ACCESSORIES

LENGTH ADJUSTABLE HEEL LOOP

• To assist with keeping foot on footplate, from sliding posterior

CALF STRAP

• To provide posterior support to the calf region

· Will be used anteriorly to the lower leg to prevent legs from falling off the footplates toward the front of the wheelchair

BODYPOINT AEROMESH PADDED CALF STRAP

• To provide posterior support to the calf region

- Will be used anteriorly to the lower leg to prevent legs from falling off the footplates toward the front of the wheelchair
- Padding to prevent skin breakdown and for improved tolerance to user

BACK CANE OPTIONS

FIXED HEIGHT WITHOUT PUSH HANDLE OPTIONS

8-DEGREE BEND ALUMINUM BACK CANE

• Will provide slight opening of seat to back angle for positioning and UE access to handrims, at a lesser cost to angle adjustable back canes

• Adds space between the back cane and the user for better access for propulsion

HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE WITH PUSH HANDLES OPTIONS

8-DEGREE BEND CARBON FIBER BACK CANE

• Will provide slight opening to angle adjustable back cane at lesser cost

 \cdot Adds space between the back cane and the user for better access for propulsion

FIXED HEIGHT WITHOUT PUSH HANDLE OPTIONS

8-DEGREE BEND ALUMINUM BACK CANE

• Will provide slight opening to angle adjustable back cane at lesser cost

• Adds space between the back cane and the user for better access for propulsion

ANGLE AND HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE BACK CANE WITH PUSH HANDLE OPTION

CARBON FIBER STRAIGHT BACK CANE

• Angle adjustable back cane can accommodate for many functional and postural limitations

• Can open seat to back angle for either limited ROM, or to accommodate a kyphosis

• Can close seat to back angle for better access to rear wheels

- Can close seat to back angle for postural support to accommodate trunk weakness and promote functional reach

• Height adjustment if client has change in status and needs to change height of back canes either up or down



8-DEGREE BEND CARBON FIBER BACK CANE	
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 \cdot will provide slight opening to angle adjustable back cane at lesser cost

• Adds space between the back cane and the user for better access for propulsion

PUSH HANDLE OPTIONS

FOLD DOWN PUSH HANDLES

- \cdot To allow for handles to be out of the way for transport especially in smaller spaces
- \cdot To prevent user being "pushed" by someone when not necessary or not wanted

CLAMP ON HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE PUSH HANDLES (9-20", 9-23")

 \cdot To allow for user to be pushed at times with caregivers of different heights

• To allow for push handles to be placed completely out of the way when desired

BACK UPHOLSTERY

BACK UPHOLSTERY TENSION ADJUSTABLE

- Option for mild postural support
 - $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Allow wheelchair to fold down without extra step of removing rigid back support

ONE ARM DRIVE

ONE ARM DRIVE WITH ALUMINUM HANDRIM

Allow wheelchair to be "steered" with one upper extremity

• Has two standard aluminum handrims

ONE ARM DRIVE WITH PLASTIC COATED INNER HANDRIM

Allow wheelchair to be "steered" with one upper extremity

• Inner handrim with plastic coating for extra "grip and friction"

R WHEEL	
AG	
Limited to no	maintenance
• May be requi	red by some institutions
NEWTON GRA	VITY ULTRALIGHT WHEEL
Increased eff	nciency and lighter weight than standard
SPINERGY SP	OX
• Good balance	e of lightweight wheel and stability
SPINERGY LX	
• Minimal spol	ies in the second se
• Reach throug	h access to underneath wheelchair from the side if necessary
SPINERGY CL	(
• High stiffnes	5
• Responsive	
• Low weight	high strength to weight ratio



OFT URETHAN	E 1 3/8" – LOW TREAD
	fully puncture proof and low maintenance
-	ver rate compared to pneumatics
	strength allowing it to carry heavier loads
No maintenance	
OFT URETHAN	E 1 3/8" – MEDIUM TREAD
	fully puncture proof and low maintenance
Will have incre	ased traction on outdoor terrain compared to std. urethane.
No maintenanc	e requirements
OFT URETHAN	E 1" - NO TREAD - SHOX
Designed to be	fully puncture proof and low maintenance
Performs best	on hard indoor surfaces
No maintenance	e
No maintenance	e requirements
NEUMATIC WIT	TH AIRLESS INSERT 1 3/8" - MEDIUM TREAD
Designed to be	fully puncture proof and low maintenance
Increased tract	ion compared to solid tires
Softer ride than	n solid tires due to air tire
No maintenance	e requirements
Heaviest tire op	ption
	PNEUMATIC
	/8" - MEDIUM TREAD
-	esistance than solid tires
The right amou	nt of tire pressure can offer a softer ride over bumpy surfaces and provide that tactile grip for wet surfaces
	1" - LOW TREAD, PUNCTURE RESISTANT - SpeedLite
	extremely high puncture resistance achieves the least rolling resistance
High pressure a	
	1" - MEDIUM TREAD, PUNCTURE RESISTANT - TrailBlazer
	extremely high puncture resistance
	achieves the least rolling resistance
	ion compared to low tread option
NEUMATIC 2" -	- LARGE TREAD
Puncture prote	reases traction on a variety of terrains
-	tility and grip without sacrificing ride comfort
Large tread inc	and the second
Large tread inc	
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PLASTIC COA	ITED
• Higher fricti	ion than standard for increased grip and energy transfer
• Wider diame	eter than standard, doesn't require as much of a pincer grasp
HIGH FRICTIO	ON COATED
• High friction	n for high energy transfer
• Less diamet	ter than plastic coated
NEWTON AIR	GRIP
High friction	n for high energy transfer
Same diame	eter as aluminum anodized
SURGE/ SUR	um ergonomic handrim with rubber high friction strip on top for normal hand function
	two diameters for best fit
	duce amount of grip needed to push on handrim
	ecrease symptoms of carpal tunnel or other overuse injuries common in persons who use manual wheelchairs
NATURAL FIT	Γ
• Oval alumin	um ergonomic handrim
• May help de	crease symptoms of carpal tunnel or other overuse injuries common in persons who use manual wheelchairs
• Allows a dua	al surface for propulsion and braking
SIMI H	
• Oval hard al	luminum anodized ergonomic handrim with high friction silicone strip
	and to stay in contact with handrim even when wet
• May help de	crease symptoms of carpal tunnel or other overuse injuries
NOVA H	
	luminum anodized ergonomic handrim with high friction grip
	and to stay in contact with handrim even when wet
	ecrease symptoms of carpal tunnel or other overuse injuries
OPTIMUM H	
• Heart shape	ed hard aluminum anodized ergonomic handrim with built in thumb groove
\cdot May help de	crease symptoms of carpal tunnel or other overuse injuries
SEMBLY P	OSITION OF HANDRIM (FOR ALUMINUM ANODIZED, NEWTON AIRGRIP)
	NDRIM POSITION WITH CUT
	re narrow position with decreased space between handrim and wheel
	overall width of wheelchair for doorway access
May be more	e comfortable for grip for person using the wheelchair
JUFER NARE	st narrow position with very minimal space between handrim and wheel
Custom mos	verall width of wheelchair to its most narrow with still having a handrim attached for doorway access
 Custom mos Decreases o 	overall width of wheelchair to its most narrow with still having a handrim attached for doorway access we fingers/hands to get stuck between handrim and wheel



THUMB PIECE SELECTION FOR SURGE, SURGE LT, AND NATURAL FIT

STANDARD GRIP

 \cdot Has a powder coating and no friction

• Enhances ergonomic position of hand combined with handrim to potentially decrease symptoms of overuse injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome

SUPER GRIP

• Has an advanced copolymer coating with high friction surface

• Enhances ergonomic position of hand combined with handrim to potentially decrease symptoms of overuse injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome

AXLE

QUAD RELEASE AXLE

 $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Limited hand function may impair ability to release the standard push button on quick release

• This small circular lever will allow individual to disengage axle

REAR WHEEL CAMBER - 0° AND 3° - NO CHARGE

6 DEGREE

• This high degree of camber may help increase lateral stability and maneuverability for person using the wheelchair

WHEEL LOCK

6" REMOVABLE EXTENSION HANDLE FOR PUSH TO LOCK

• Will allow for better access to reach wheel locks

• Decreased strength in UE requires the longer lever arm for easier engagement and disengagement of lock

Often appropriate for geriatrics and pediatrics

ALUMINUM PUSH TO LOCK WITH EXTENSION

• Will allow for better access to reach wheel locks

NEWTON GRADE AID PUSH TO LOCK

• Integrated anti-roll back to assist with up a graded surface without having to always maintain hand contact with rear wheel

6" REMOVABLE EXTENSION HANDLE FOR PULL TO LOCK AND GRADE AID

• Will allow for better access to reach wheel locks

Decreased strength in UE requires the longer lever arm for easier engagement and disengagement of lock

SCISSORS LOCK

• Remains under the seat rail and out of the way of hands to prevent potential injuries to fingers from propulsion strokes

UNILATERAL WHEEL LOCK PULL TO LOCK

Only one UE is able to be used to engage wheel lock, due to weakness, paralysis or limb loss

ARMREST OPTIONS

HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE FLIP BACK ARMREST

- Height adjustment to ensure proper positioning for UE and shoulder while seated in the wheelchair
- Flip back to allow for lateral transfers, or use of transfer board
- Allow repositioning for skin protection and sitting tolerance



0" DESK LE	INGTH ARMPAD
Allows for	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs
4" FULL LE	NGTH ARMPAD
Pushing se	If to standing for transfers
Safe transf	ers into wheelchair to have a surface to hold onto
IEIGHT ADJ	USTABLE T ARMREST
	istment to ensure proper positioning for UE and shoulder while seated in the wheelchair
T Armrest	or most stability for push up with transfers or repositioning
For reposit	ioning
	NGTH ARMPAD
Allows for	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs
	NGTH ARMPAD
	If to standing for transfers
• Sate transf	ers into wheelchair to have a surface to hold onto
GHT ADJ	USTABLE SWING AWAY ARMREST
TUBULAR A	RMREST WITHOUT SIDE GUARD
Lightweigh	t swingaway armrest for support when needed for transfers or repositioning
SHORT PAD	
	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs
LONG PAD	
· Allows for	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs
TUBULAR A	RMREST WITHOUT SIDE GUARD
· Lightweigh	t swingaway armrest for support when needed for transfers or repositioning
· Side guard	for protection LEs including skin from moisture from wheels
Maintaining	g midline position
SHORT PAD	
· Allows for	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs
ONG PAD	
Allows for	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs
	AD WITHOUT SIDE GUARD
	t swingaway armrest for support when needed for transfers or repositioning
	ar larger surface area for resting UE or for repositioning
10" DESK LE	NGTH
	getting closer access to surfaces for ADLs



llows for aetting clu	oser access to surfaces for ADLs
LAT ARMPAD WITH	SIDE GUARD
Lightweight swingav	vay armrest for support when needed for transfers or repositioning
	ction LEs including skin from moisture from wheels
Maintaining midline	
0" DESK LENGTH	
Allows for getting cl	oser access to surfaces for ADLs
4" FULL LENGTH	
Allows for getting clo	oser access to surfaces for ADLs
4" FULL LENGTH AR	MPAD - GEL OVATION (PAIR)
Gel armpad may pro	vide pressure relief for pain
Required for skin pro	otection on elbows and forearms
E GUARDS	
PLASTIC SIDE GUARE)S (REMOVABLE)
Protection to LEs inc	luding skin from moisture from wheels
Maintaining midline	position
Can remove for trans	sfers or other functional activities
CARBON FIBER SIDE	GUARDS (FIXED)
Extreme lightweight	
Protection to LEs inc	luding skin from moisture from wheels
Maintaining midline	position
Always maintains po	sition regardless of functional tasks or wheelchair use
ARBON FIBER SIDE	GUARDS (REMOVABLE)
Extreme lightweight	
Protection to LEs inc	luding skin from moisture from wheels
Maintaining midline	position
LASTIC FENDER SID	E GUARDS – STRAIGHT BRACKET (REMOVABLE)
Follows the contour	of the wheel
Covers the rear whe	el to prevent any moisture or dirt to be transferred from the tire to the user
LASTIC FENDER SID	E GUARDS – OFFSET BRACKET (REMOVABLE)
Follows the contour	
	el to prevent any moisture or dirt to be transferred from the tire to the user
Offset bracket allow	for guards to be mounted more midline than standard orientation, getting it closer to user
CARBON FIBER FEND	ER SIDE GUARDS - (REMOVADLE)
CARBON FIBER FEND Lightest weight mate Follows the contour	erial



	HMENT FOR 2 EXTRA POINTS (1 PAIR)
Additional hardwa	re required for mounting pelvic belt
ELCRO ADJUSTAE	3LE BELT
	belt to support proper sitting position in wheelchair
	for user ease, does not require much hand function
UTO BUCKLE	
Pelvic positioning	belt to support proper sitting position in wheelchair
Auto buckle for us	er ease
Small 35"	
Medium 48"	
Long 60"	
	ELT 2 POINT (NON-PADDED) belt to support proper sitting position in wheelchair
	adjustment for proper angle of pull for best positioning
ODYPOINT HIP BE	ELT 2 POINT (PADDED)
Pelvic positioning	belt to support proper sitting position in wheelchair
2 point allows for	adjustment for proper angle of pull for best positioning
Padding allows for	r tight fit over bony prominences without risk of skin irritation or injury
	ELT 4 POINT (PADDED) belt to support proper sitting position in wheelchair
	more control and adjustment for proper angle of pull for best positioning, quite often for someone with higher muscle tone
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	r tight fit over bony prominences without risk of skin irritation or injury
ODYPOINT EVOFL	EX
Pelvic positioning	belt to support proper sitting position in wheelchair
Form of material v	vith functional implications to allow for movement of LEs without pelvic movement
Usually mounted a	at 90 degrees
ESSORIES	
NTI-TIPPERS	
Mount directly off	the trame rer backwards when used and installed correctly
WING-AWAY ANTI	TIPPER
	terally on standard weight capacity wheelchairs, or bilaterally on HD wheelchair models
Can be used unilat	wheelchair or caregiver to swing tipper under the chair for transfers or traversing curbs
	SIST
Allow user in the v Has built in tip-ass	
Allow user in the v	



CANE AND CRUTCH HOLDER
Mounts onto back of wheelchair to hold a cane or pair of crutches
OXYGEN TANK HOLDER
Mounts onto back of wheelchair to hold an oxygen tank
SPOKE GUARDS
Plastic guard that clips to spokes in 4 places to hold in place
Blocks spokes and prevents fingers or other objects from being caught in spokes

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