

Client: Kylie**Parent(s):** Chele**PT/OT/Supplier:** Demetrius Trujillo (Numotion)**Location:** Cody, WY

Kylie is a young woman who lives in Wyoming and works in the theatre. Kylie has cerebral palsy and has used a power wheelchair and speech generating device since a young age.

On her power chair, Kylie uses a Seating Dynamics Dynamic Rocker Back interface (DRBi), Seating Dynamics Dynamic Footrests and a Stealth Products Dynamic Head Support (tone deflector). On her manual wheelchair, Kylie has both a Seating Dynamics Dynamic Rocker Back interface and Dynamic Footrests.

Equipment Breakage

Before Kylie received the Dynamic Footrests, she was constantly breaking her footrests. Per Chele, “She was fracturing pieces of metal and everyone kept telling us ‘this shouldn’t happen.’” Getting the dynamic footrests has cut down on trips to the supplier for repairs. Kylie and her Mom must drive to Denver for repairs, a trip that takes about 3 hours.

Kylie’s tone is so strong that she had actually bent the coil springs on another manufacturer’s dynamic footrests. She now uses Seating Dynamics Dynamic Footrests on both her manual and power wheelchairs. Kylie uses the telescoping, elevating, dorsi / plantar flexion, and rotating footplate features.

Rotating Footplate option



Pressure

Kylie used to get pressure injuries on her heels and the inside of her feet. She had to use corn pads and wear really good shoes (athletic shoes) to protect her feet. With the dynamic footrests, she can wear any shoes she wants without pressure concerns. Kylie is a styling young woman who likes her shoes!

Per Mom, “I don’t like to tighten the belts on the seating system down all the way, because I want Kylie to be able to move. With the dynamic back and footrests, she can move, stretch out, and get the pressure off of her butt.” In combination with her power tilt system, the movement of the dynamic components further reduces pressure concerns.



Quick Notes

Challenges:

- ✓ Equipment Breakage
- ✓ High Tone
- ✓ Extension
- ✓ Maintaining Posture
- ✓ Pain & Tolerance

Areas affected:

- ✓ Back
- ✓ Legs
- ✓ Head

Equipment Used:

- ✓ [Dynamic Rocker Back](#)
- ✓ [Dynamic Footrests](#)
- ✓ [Dynamic Head Support](#)
- ✓ [Permobil M300 PS PWC Wheelchair](#)
- ✓ [Quickie Zippie IRIS](#)
- ✓ [Ride Designs Cushion](#)

Position, Function, and Comfort

Before Kylie had a dynamic back, she would rise up against the back when extending and her head would go up and over her headrest. Now her bottom stays in the seat. Maintaining her position within the seating system has improved her function. Before getting dynamic seating, Kylie couldn't stabilize against portions of her seat to be functional, as it was uncomfortable. Now she can stabilize and maintain her position within the seating system without pain.

Results

Dynamic Seating can diffuse force, protect the wheelchair from breakage, maintain postural alignment, improve function and comfort, and even allow someone to wear the shoes they want!

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Kylie's Mom
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About the Author

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