Getting the position right!

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Posture

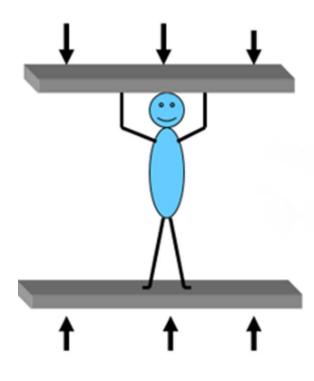
- Standing
- Sitting
- Lying



Human Sandwich



Gravity



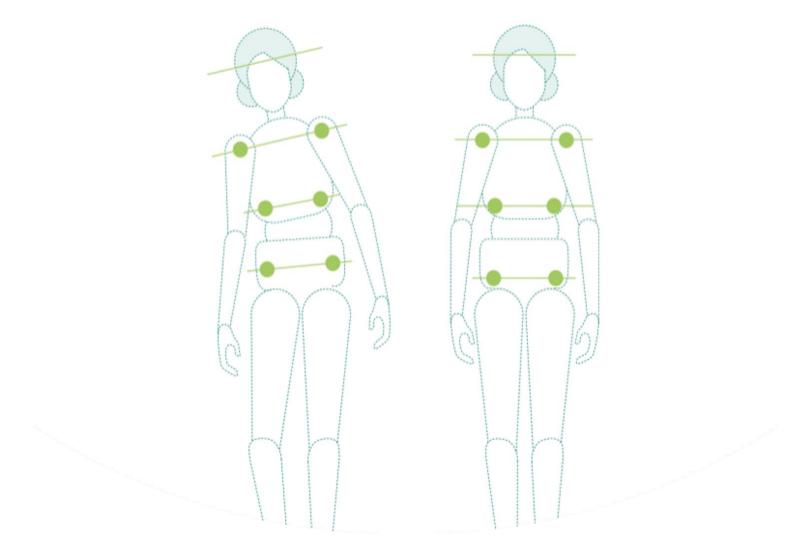
Supporting Surface

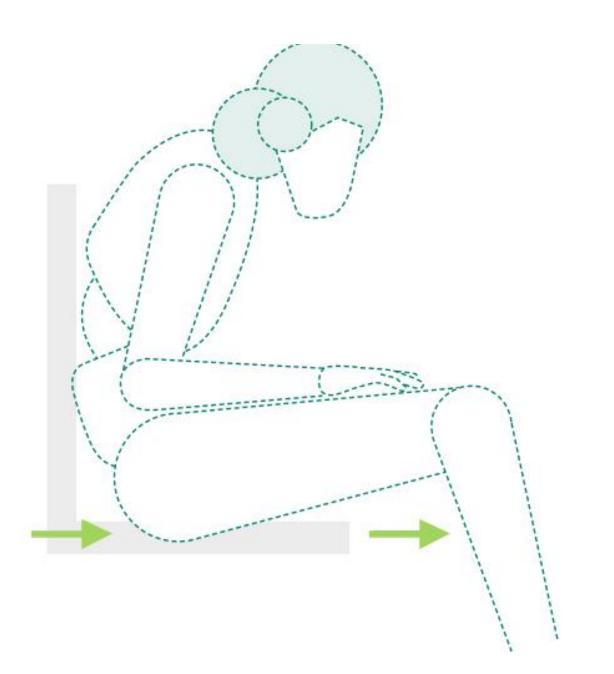
Symmetry = Stability = Mobility





Symmetry



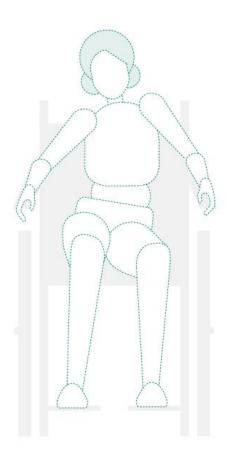


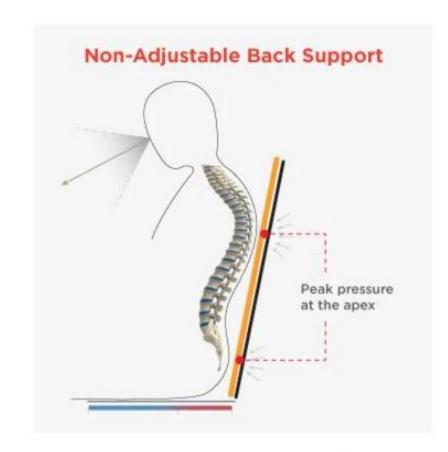
MND

- WEAKNESS
- INABILITY TO KEEP UPRIGHT AGAINST GRAVITY
- SHEAR
- KYPHOSIS
- HEAD DROP

Pelvis: Key stone and foundation







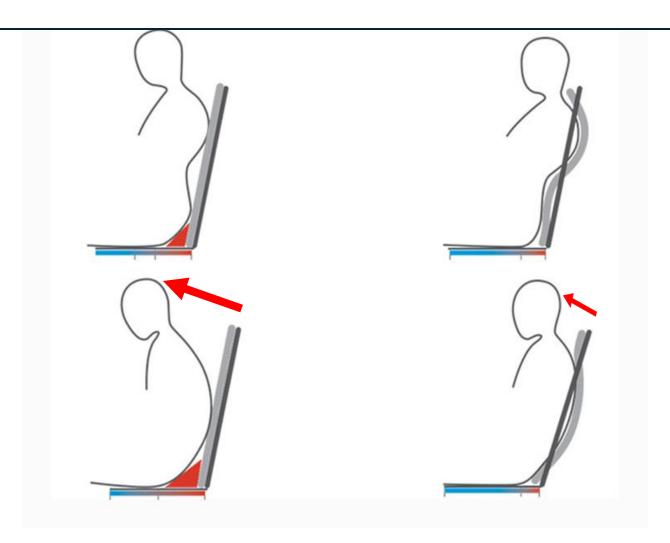


Line of Sight

Good Seat Contact

Poor Seat Contact

Problems with kyphosis and non accommodation

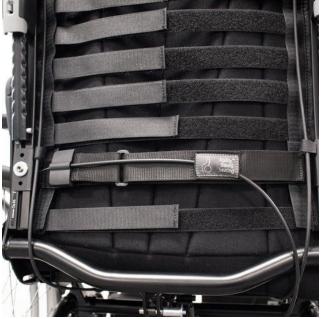














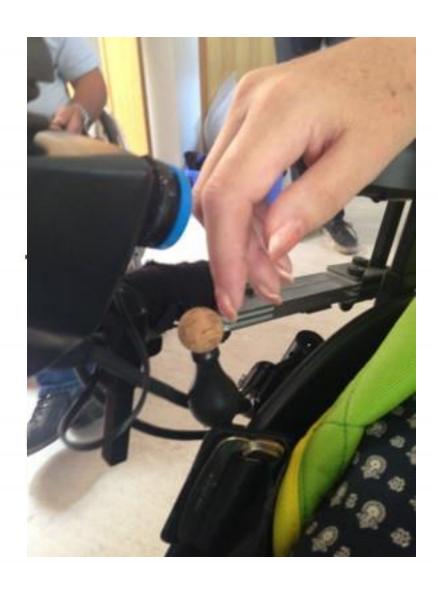






Review and Demonstration

Specialised, Electrically Powered Wheelchairs



- Powered tilt
- Powered recline
- (powered rise)
- (powered leg elevation)
- Angle adjustable hangers and foot plates
- Angle adjustable headrest
- Tension adjustable back rest
- Wide padded arm rests
- Pressure cushion
- High specification of wheelchair controls to plug and play

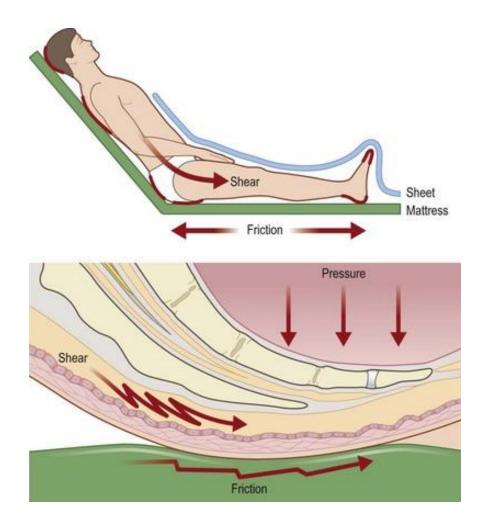
SSKIN Bundle – pressure care



Pressure risks MND

- Low nutrition
- Low body weight
- Soft tissue wasting
- Reducing mobility
- Boney prominences
- Lack of accommodation of posture (kyphosis, shear and sliding)

Head position:
Moisture lesions
Pressure on chest / chin







LYING SUPPORTS

Uneven loading – pressure on right ear – agitated Poor line of vision Poor head position Soft tissue changes

Increased
loading on right
side
Pressure
Discomfort
Pain
Agitation



Non weight
bearing through
left side
Lack of sensory
feedback

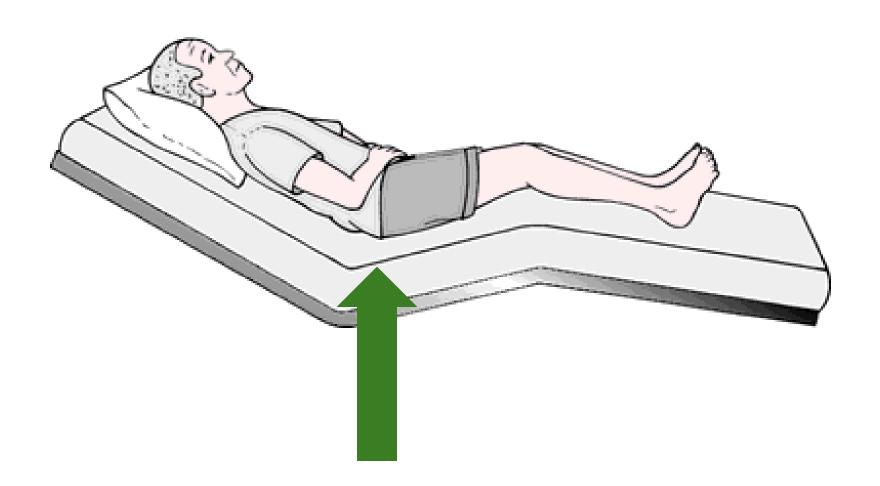
Pillows under whole length of arm to support upper arm, spreading loading

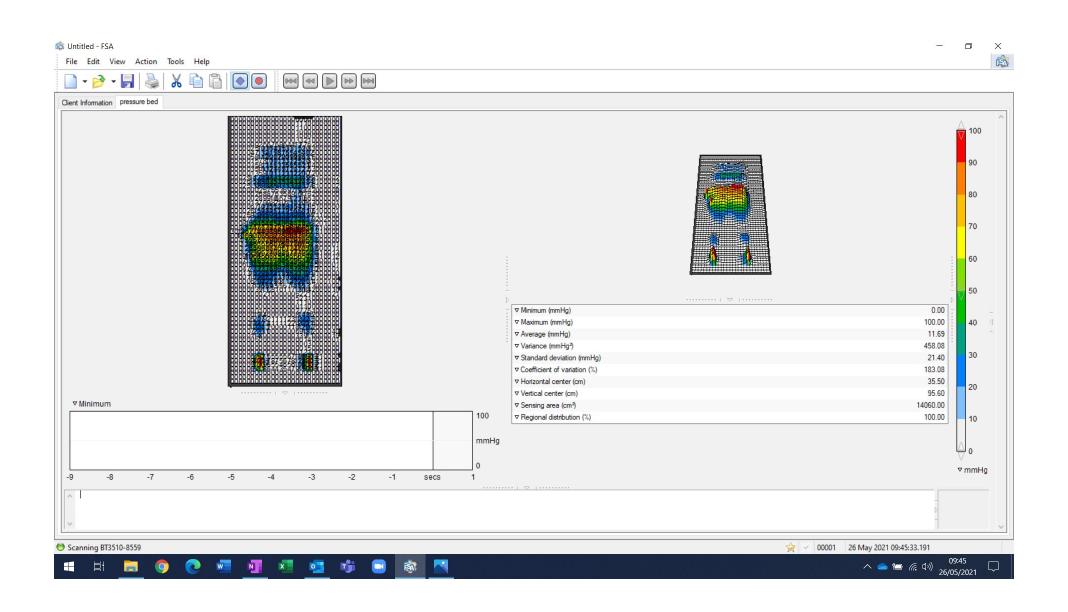
Pillows supporting under shoulders to prevent them dropping back and increase base of support

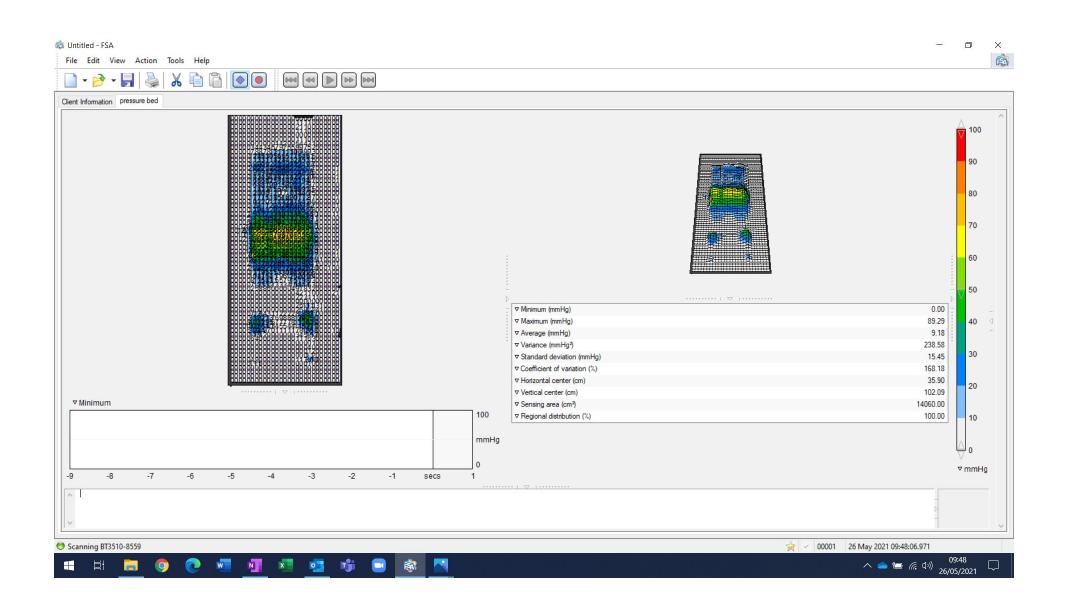
Large pillow /s under knees to give flexion at hips and knees (knee break)

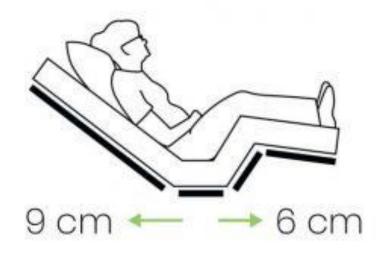
Pillow under calf to support whole length of leg spreading loading

Heals off mattress completely reducing pressure risk

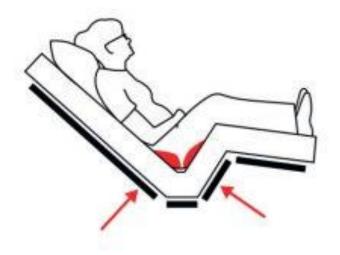








BodyMove regression reduces friction and shear



No regression increases friction and shear





Shoulders sublux, arch back opening lumber lordosis

Hips pushed forward to keep balance

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Thank you

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Any questions?