

# The extent to which caregivers enhance the wheelchair skills of powered wheelchair users: a descriptive cross-sectional study

## PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY:

The purpose of our study is to learn about and document the nature and amount of benefit that a caregiver provides to users of powered wheelchairs.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

You are eligible to participate in this study if you meet the following criteria:

- Are 18 years of age and older (powered wheelchair user and caregiver)
- Live within 50 km of Vancouver, British Columbia (powered wheelchair user and caregiver)
- Be an unpaid caregiver, and spend at least 2 hours per week with powered wheelchair user (caregiver)
- Use his/her own powered wheelchair for at least 6 hours per week (power wheelchair user)
- Can read, write and speak in English (powered wheelchair user and caregiver)

## WHAT IS INVOLVED?

If you decide to participate, we will be asking you to take part in one-time evaluation session which will take approximately 60 minutes. During the session participants can expect to complete questionnaires, a wheelchair skills test, and a brief qualitative interview (3 open-ended questions). A stipend will be provided to both the powered wheelchair user and the caregiver for your participation.

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## STUDY TIME/DURATION

Recruitment by March 31st, 2017

## STUDY LOCATION

One study session will be completed with both the caregiver and the power wheelchair user at the GF Strong Rehabilitation Research Lab, Blusson Spinal Cord Centre, or in a location convenient to you.

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