



Mobility Clinic – Role Descriptions

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Mobility Clinic – Interpreter

Program Overview

Faith In Practice's Mobility Program is designed to reach those in need of mobility aids and provide them with a complement of services. Our wheelchairs are provided by our partner, Free Wheelchair Mission, a faith-based nonprofit that designs and manufactures durable wheelchairs specifically for use in developing countries. Mobility Clinics are held within our Medical Clinic, Surgical teams, and as standalone Precision teams. The Mobility Clinic will evaluate and provide mobility aids to around 30-35 patients per day. This number may fluctuate based on the area where the team is serving.

Position Summary

Interpreters are critical to the success of Faith In Practice Mobility Clinics. They are the bridge of communication between the medical provider, PT/OT, and the patients and their families. Interpreters for the Mobility Clinic may assist other volunteers in the Mobility Clinic with their tasks as needed. Interpreters must be bilingual between English and Spanish, and it is of utmost importance that interpreters assigned to translate medical information have the skills to do so.

Pre-Trip Duties / Responsibilities

- Review Mobility Clinic orientation and training document (sent by staff prior to trip).
- Watch wheelchair training and assembly videos.
- Review *Spanish Medical Terms* document.

Duties / Responsibilities During Trip

- Interpret between physicians and patients, to support the physician in assessing health-related issues and to communicate key information.
- Interpret between the therapist, the patient, and patient's family.
- Interpreters may also assist in patient transport, clinic flow management, vital sign measurements, and supporting physical therapists as needed.

Additional Resources

- [Spanish Medical Terms](#)
- [FWM Wheelchair Training](#)
- [Assembly Video](#)
- [Gen2 Speed-up Assembly](#)
- [Gen3 Speed-up Assembly](#)
- [Training Video](#)



Mobility Clinic – Medical Provider

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Position Summary

The Medical Provider serving in the Mobility Clinic will provide the patient with a health evaluation and, in collaboration with the Physical Therapist, determine the patient's need for a mobility aid. The provider may also refer the patient to a Faith In Practice surgery team or to Asociación Transiciones for a specialized wheelchair. This role can be filled by a physician (MD or DO) or nurse practitioner, and ideally by a provider who can evaluate both adult and pediatric patients.

Pre-Trip Duties / Responsibilities

- Review Mobility Clinic orientation and training document (sent by staff prior to trip).
- Review Mobility Clinic Training Videos: [FWM Wheelchair Training](#) ; [Assembly Video](#); [Training Video](#).
- Faith In Practice provides certain supplies and medications for each team. Please review the Supplies and Medications list, which can be found on the [Volunteer Resource Page](#), before the trip.
- Review [Insight Training Videos](#)

Duties / Responsibilities During Trip

- Following established guidelines, the provider will determine if the patient physically qualifies for a wheelchair and will provide a general medical consultation.
 - The provider will have access to a limited formulary for dispensing essential medication to patients, as well as wound care materials.
- Record consultation notes, diagnoses, and prescription information (including orders for mobility aids).
- Refer patients for surgery or for a specialized wheelchair, if needed.
 - Refer this patient to the Mobility Program Coordinator so they can assist with this process.



Mobility Clinic – Physical Therapist /Occupational Therapist

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Position Summary

This role can be filled by a Physical Therapist (PT) or Occupational Therapist (OT). The PT/OT will work alongside the medical provider to determine the need for the patient's mobility aid. The PT/OT will also provide a physical therapy consult and instruct patients and their families on how to use their mobility aid.

Pre-Trip Duties / Responsibilities

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Duties / Responsibilities During Trip

- Determine if the patient physically qualifies for a wheelchair and then measure and fit patient with a wheelchair or other mobility aid.
- Determine if the patient requires a specialized chair instead of a standard one.
- Provide training for the patient on how to increase sit time, transfer in and out of the chair, and any other relevant skills.
- Provide the caretaker with instructions on how to use the wheelchair.
- Ensure that patients and families understand prevention of pressure sores.
- Make adjustments/modifications to the wheelchairs and other mobility aids as needed.
- Record consultation and modification notes in Insight, the patient data management platform.



Mobility Clinic – Physical Therapist Assistant

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Position Summary

The Therapist Assistant may be the role which requires the most flexibility, as this person will be helping therapists modify and fit the chairs, assisting in patient flow, and providing training to patients and family members. This role can be filled by a Physical Therapist Assistant or may be filled by a non-medical volunteer.

Pre-Trip Duties / Responsibilities

- Review Mobility Clinic orientation and training document (sent by staff prior to trip).
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- Review [Insight Training Videos](#).

Duties / Responsibilities During Trip

- Communicate well with the patient (with the support of an interpreter, if needed) and work together with the patient to ensure the wheelchair fits correctly.
- Take measurements and use different tools (like wrenches) to adjust the wheelchair.
- Under the direction of the therapist, assist in fitting patients with canes, crutches, and walkers, as needed.
- Push patients in wheelchairs up and down ramps and across flat surfaces.



Mobility Clinic – Wheelchair Assembler

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Position Summary

The wheelchair assembler role can be filled by a non-medical volunteer. This role is responsible for assembling all the Free Wheelchair Mission wheelchairs that will be distributed to patients throughout the week, ensuring a proper number of wheelchairs are available for patients while not creating excess inventory.

Pre-Trip Duties / Responsibilities

- Review Mobility Clinic orientation and training document (sent by staff prior to trip).
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Duties / Responsibilities During Trip

- Assemble enough wheelchairs for the number of patients who come to the clinic.
- This position requires the ability to:
 - Attend the training at the start of the mission week and follow instructions to assemble according to established guidelines.
 - Lift up to 50 pounds and do assembly work on a table or floor.
 - Use different tools (like wrenches and power tools).
 - Flexibility to make modifications or disassemble wheelchairs as required
- Wheelchair assemblers may also assist in patient transport, clinic flow management, taking vital sign measurements, and supporting physical therapists as needed.



Mobility Clinic Team – Triage

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Position Summary

The triage role should ideally be filled by a volunteer with a medical background—Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner—and should ideally speak Spanish. If the person filling this role is not medical, training on how to collect the appropriate information will be provided at the beginning of the week. If the triage person does not speak Spanish, an interpreter will be assigned.

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Duties / Responsibilities During Trip

- Record patient's blood pressure, temperature, weight, and height.
- Administer albendazole treatment.
- Record patient's current medications and chief medical complaints.
- Record information in Insight, the patient data management platform, to provide accurate and accessible medical information for the mobility clinic medical provider.