

Client: Katie

Location: Maryland

Date: Fall 2003

Chair Model: C2K JR Stander (predecessor of C400 JR Stander) —finding new ways of independence every day

Katie's Story:

Katie is a smiley, happy 12 year old girl. She has an unknown neurological disorder with lupus, and she is quite small in size. She started driving a power chair at age 6 – according to mom, it opened up a whole new world for Katie. She wishes they'd started earlier!

At 12, the family was ready to expose Katie to a new level of independence and opportunities, to help her prepare for adulthood. A standing wheelchair helps her do so much more at school, around the house, and through accomplishing more and more every day, it helps her find a new level of self confidence!

- As the base is very capable outdoors, Katie can participate all activities with the other children who live on their street. Moreover, she finds it quite funny that she is the only one who can go through a puddle, while the others have to go around it!
- Katie finds pride in accomplishing more and more, and realizes new tasks every day that were not possible before, small or large. She can now use the microwave, toaster-oven, wash her hands at the sink, lay the table, get water for herself, help bake and

cook, etc. She can open the door to let the dog out.

- One day she kept asking mom to help feed the guinea pig – as the carrots are in the fridge, and she never before had access to them. Mom was busy – when she went to help Katie, she already got the carrots and was feeding the guinea pig herself, with a big smile on her face. The pride of accomplishing things on her own makes a major difference in Katie's self image and confidence.

Main Objectives:

The main objective was to provide Katie with more independence and more opportunities. She needed access to more, higher surfaces. The family was also looking for a base that is as capable outdoors as possible, to enable Katie to participate activities with other children. They were also looking to increase Katie's access to standing due to its known therapeutic benefits.

Katie's neighborhood PT location recently closed and she has limited access to therapy. Standing can help maintain range of motion, increase circulation, improve respiration and digestion, and many other benefits – particularly useful for people with lupus.



Katie stands everyday. Most of all she enjoys the seat elevator—when shopping, she can reach the items and if her view is blocked, she elevates herself to see better.



C400 Jr. Stander

Wheelchair System

The C2K JR Stander (predecessor of C400 JR Stander) was selected for the following reasons:

- A highly capable and stable base which will get Katie around in the neighborhood, sidewalks, parks, etc.
- Front wheel drive configuration also enables good indoor handling, tight and intuitive turning
- The Standing feature significantly increases Katie's vertical access. She can now reach things over a foot higher than before. This is enough to provide access to sinks, kitchen counters, drawers, cabinets, light switches—offering Katie unmatched opportunity to learn and further develop independence.

Getting the most from your wheelchair system

Katie's parents are very pleased with the JR Stander, October 27, 2006

The Stander was chosen with the following features in mind:

- The mobile prone stander Katie had before was cumbersome to use for the family, and limited Katie's time to stand, as it required assistance with transferring. The C2K Jr Stander enables Katie to stand up any time, for any length of time, to enjoy therapeutic and functional benefits.
- Katie received new school tasks—in the morning she collects attendance cards from each classroom and places them in each teacher's mailbox. She did not have access to the towering mailboxes prior to the standing power chair.
- The seating system offers comfort and improves tolerance to sitting in the wheelchair all day long.
- The functional seat depth can be as small as 12" while offering several inches of growth – this helps accommodate Katie's petite size.

What's different about the C400 Jr. Stander?

Permobil has developed the new and improved C series bases in 2005. The Jr. Stander system is now available on the C400 base.

- The C400 is more compact than the C2K, approximately 1.75" narrower.
- It still offers advanced and adjustable suspension for a smoother ride.
- As its predecessor, it is available with or without a seat elevator.
- Flat free inserts – made with a unique substance - are now also available for all Permobil bases.
- As pictured below, the knee block provides lower extremity and pelvic positioning and safety during standing, as well as sitting.

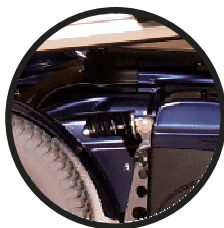
C400 JR STANDER FINDING INDEPENDENCE



The Jr Stander is typically ordered with the "Combination Standing" feature, which integrates sit to stand, recline, elevating legs, and tilt. This enables the user to stand up either from sitting or from laying down, like with a tilt table. Standing up this way might provide better alignment while standing, and reduce pressure on the knees.



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Rugged, advanced suspension system and shock absorbers for a smooth ride.



Optional lateral trunk supports enhance midline alignment.



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The **C400 JR Stander** gives the user two ways of standing, from sit to stand or standing from a partially or fully reclined position, making it a viable option for many users. The seat incorporates the ingenious Corpus seating system with the critical benefit of standing, and even driving while standing. The modular design of the Corpus and Corpus Jr. seating system ensures optimal fit, and the increased access, function, and the medical and psychological benefit of standing cannot be ignored. For more information about the C400 Jr. Stander or any other power wheelchair, please contact us at 800.736.0925.