

Research Study Opportunity:

Do you use a manual wheelchair to get around ALL or MOST of the time?



Amber Wacek, physical therapist, and Nancy Flinn, senior scientific advisor, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute – Golden Valley, are conducting a research study to evaluate how your wheelchair skills and endurance affect your access to the community. We need your help.

Who is eligible to participate?

- People who use a manual wheelchair for all or most of their mobility
- have a physical disability
- are at least 18 years of age
- live in the community (not a nursing home)
- can ask and answer questions.

What?

A one-hour assessment will be conducted at Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute – Golden Valley. The assessment will include:

- Blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen saturation checks.
- An interview about where you go and what you do in the community.
- Three tests of wheelchair abilities – speed, maneuverability and endurance.

Some participants will be invited to participate in a second phase of the project, involving use of a global positioning device (GPS).

Where?

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute
3915 Golden Valley Road, Minneapolis, MN 55422

Questions about the study? Want to participate?

Please contact Stacey Rabusch, research coordinator, at Stacey.Rabusch@allina.com, or call 612-863-0882.

Participation is voluntary. You will receive a \$20 gift card for the wheelchair handling evaluation, and a \$20 gift card for the global positioning system part of the study.

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