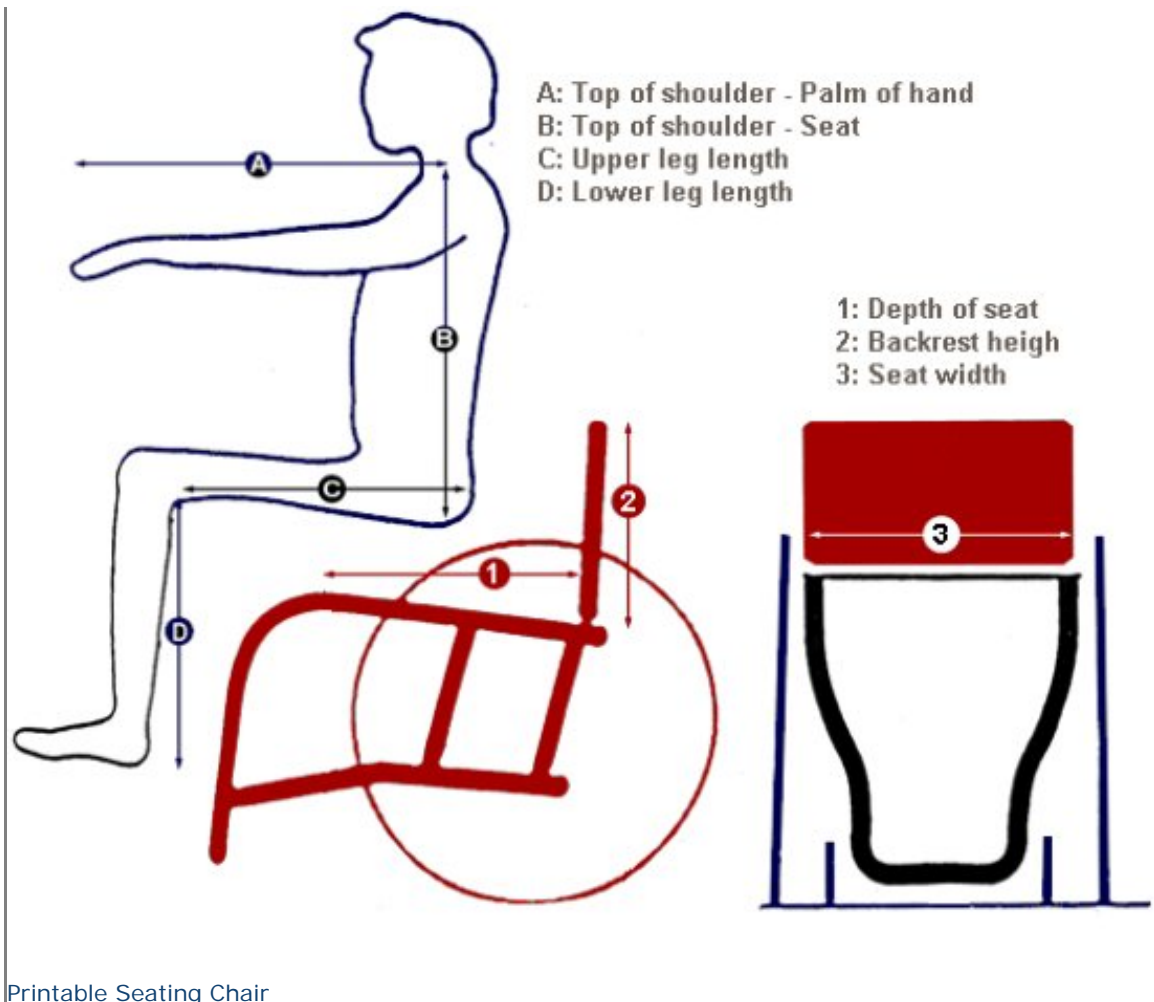


**Use this form to record your measurements:**

<p><b>Note about "Overall Wheelchair Width":</b>          For most folding, standard weight and lightweight wheelchairs the overall width of the chair (outside wheel to outside wheel) is determined by adding 8" to the seat width. Transport chairs generally add 0-3" to seat width, depending on wheelchair model.</p>	
	<b>Your info:</b>
<b>Weight.</b> required by PHC Customer Service	
<b>Height.</b> required by PHC Customer Service	
<b>Diagnosis.</b> optional - for PHC Customer Service	
<b>Seat width.</b> See # 3 in wheelchair diagram below. This is the width of the back-side when sitting on a flat surface.	
<b>Seat Depth.</b> Make this measurements by measuring from back of buttock to inside of knee as in "C" below.	
<b>Back height.</b> Measure this from the top of the shoulders down to the bottom of the back-side when sitting on a flat surface. See "B" below.	
<b>Seat-to-Floor height.</b> Make this measurement as pictured in "D" below. This is important if the patient is going to propel the wheelchair using feet. Otherwise, wheelchairs are available in various seat heights.	



## Wheelchair Size & Weight

### Size ?

Please use this seating chart to determine correct chair size. Seat width, seat depth, back height, and seat-to-floor height are crucial to configuring the correct wheelchair.

### Seat-to-Floor Height?

Seat-to-floor height is important if the patient is going to propel the wheelchair with their feet. Seat-to-floor height can be adjusted down approximately 2" by purchasing a "dual axle" wheelchair. On these "adjustable height" chairs with "dual axles" the front forks have several holes to allow moving the front wheels up or down a few inches. The combination of these adjustments allow for about 2.5 inches of adjustment in seat-to-floor height.

### in general:

Standard seat-to-floor height for a wheelchair is 18" to 20". Hemi is 17.5 to 18.5- inches and varies somewhat with manufacturers. Anything lower to

the ground is either a "super" or "ultra" Hemi. In some cases to achieve a lower seat-to-floor height the rear wheels are changed from the standard 24-inch to either a 22 or 20-inch. The front casters are also changed from a standard 8-inch to a 6 or 5-inch. Remember: if you are adding a cushion to a wheelchair allow that differential (*you'll be adding approx. 2" to seat height.*)

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### **Wheelchair Weight:**

**Question:** Do you know the difference between a standard weight and a lightweight wheelchair?

**Answer:** The difference can be as much as 15-lbs. or more.

**More...** Overall weight is definitely a consideration if the wheelchair is going to be transported in a car trunk, backseat, or propelled by an individual. Some steel framed chairs approach 50-lbs. and can be too difficult to propel, carry, or lift. More popular lightweight wheelchairs range in weight from 28-lbs to 36-lbs and are easier to lift into a car trunk.

**Diagnosis:** The patient's condition may determine the weight of a chair. For instance, if a patient has suffered a stroke, has limited mobility, arthritis, or is encumbered in any other way, they may not be able to propel a heavier chair; however, this same patient may be able to propel a lightweight chair.

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### **Accessories.**

**Anti-tips:** Accessories such as anti-tips are appropriate when a patient is very active and there is a risk of falling.

**Seat belts:** A seat belt will prevent a patient from sliding down or out of a chair.

**Brake extensions:** Brake extensions are recommended for ease of use, particularly with patients who have arthritis or similar conditions.

**Positioning Devices:** Cushions, laterals, lap trays, back supports, and many other similar devices can appropriately position a patient in a chair.