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Dear Physician:

Your patient, _____ (participant's name) is interested in participating in supervised equestrian activities. In order to safely provide this service, our center requests that you complete/update the attached Medical History and Physician's Statement Form. Please note that the following conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to therapeutic horseback riding. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present, and to what degree.

Orthopedic	Medical	Psychological	
Amputation	Allergies	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	
Cranial Deficits	Blood Pressure Control	Substance Abuse	
Atlanto-axial Instability – neurologic symptoms	Exacerbations of medical conditions	Thought Control Disorders	
Osteoporosis	Heart Conditions	Animal Abuse	
Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans	Hemophilia	Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse	
Joint subluxation/dislocation	Medical Instability	Fire Settings	
Pathologic Fractures	Migraines	Dangerous to self or others	
Spinal Fusion/Fixation	PVD	Other	
Spinal Instability Abnormalities	Respiratory Compromise	Age – under 4 years	
Neurologic	Recent Surgeries	Indwelling Catheters	
Hydrocephalus/Shunt	Medications – i.e., photosensitivity	Weight control Disorder	
Seizure	Skin Breakdown	Poor Endurance	
Stroke			
Spina Bifida: Chiari II malformation Tethered Cord Hydromyelia			

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this patient's participation in therapeutic equine activities, please feel free to contact the center at the address/phone indicated below.



Participant's Medical History & Physician's Statement and Prescription

Participant: _____ DOB: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Diagnosis: _____ Date of onset: _____

Medications: _____

Seizure Type: _____ Controlled: Y N Date of Last Seizure: _____

Shunt Present: Y N Date of last revision: _____

Special Precautions/Needs: _____ Mobility: _____

Independent Ambulation Y N Assisted Ambulation Y N Wheelchair Y N

For those with Down Syndrome:

Atlanto-Dens Interval x-rays date: _____ Result: + -

Neurologic Symptoms of Atlanto-Axial Instability: _____

Please indicate current or past difficulties in the following systems/areas, including surgeries:

	Yes	No	Comments
Auditory			
Visual			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech			
Cardiac			
Circulatory			
Integumentary/Skin			
Immunity			
Pulmonary			
Neurological			
Muscular			
Balance			
Orthopedic			
Allergies			
Learning Disability			
Cognitive			
Emotional/Psychological			
Pain			
Other			

Physician's Prescription

To my knowledge, there is no reason why this person cannot participate in supervised equestrian activities. However, I understand that the therapeutic riding center will weigh the medical information above against the existing precautions and contraindications. I concur with a review of this person's abilities/limitations by a PATH Intl Certified Instructor in the implementations of an effective equestrian program.

Recommended Frequency: 1-2X/week Precautions: _____

Physician's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Physician's Name: _____ _Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____