

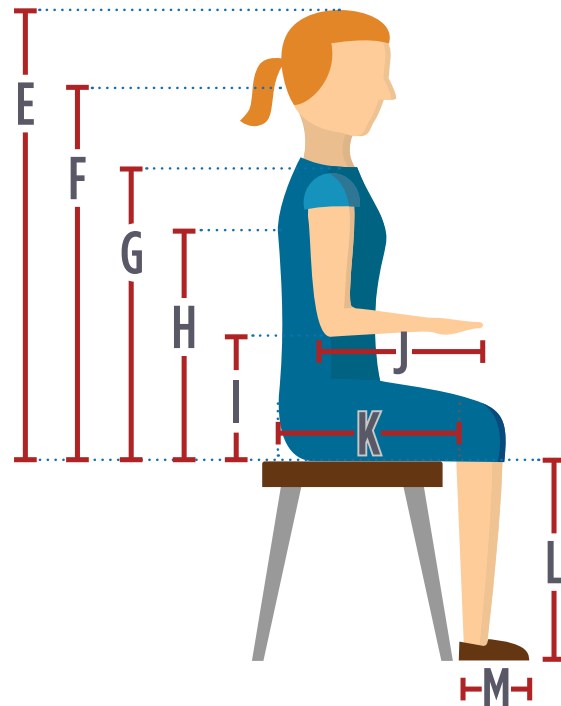
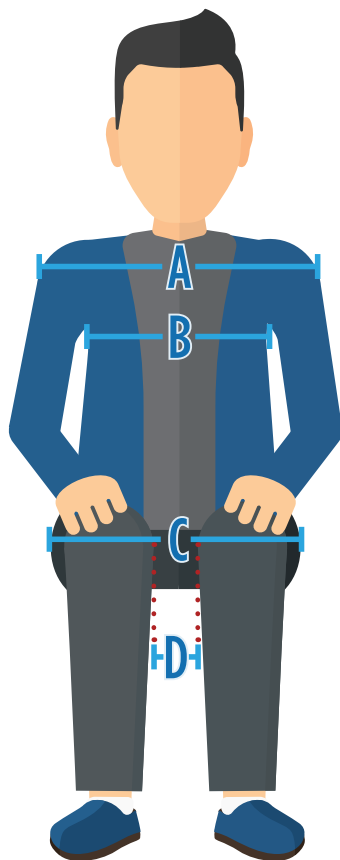
HOW TO MEASURE FOR PROPERLY FITTING WHEELCHAIR COMPONENTS

Measuring Tips

- All measurements should be taken while sitting on a **firm, flat surface** in the **posture the therapist is trying to accomplish** for the patient.
- Measure using a **hard measuring tape**, not one that can bend and wrap around the patient's body. This will lead to measurement errors, adding circumference or length.
- All measurements should be taken straight across the body.
- Use a measurement form to remind you of the measurements needed and to record them properly.
- Don't forget to include excess tissue in all measurements and measure the patient in their ideal posture
- Don't forget to look for hip contractures and tight hamstrings during the evaluation. They are often the culprits of poor pelvic positioning!



Measuring Guide



A - Shoulder Width *

B - Chest Width *

C - Hip Width *

D - Between Knees

E - Top of Head

F - Occiput

G - Seat to Top of Shoulder *

H - Inferior Angle of Scapula *

I - Seat to Elbow *

J - Elbow to Tip of Fingers

K - Upper Leg Length *

L - Lower Leg Length *

M - Foot Length

*There are 8 MUST HAVE Measurements