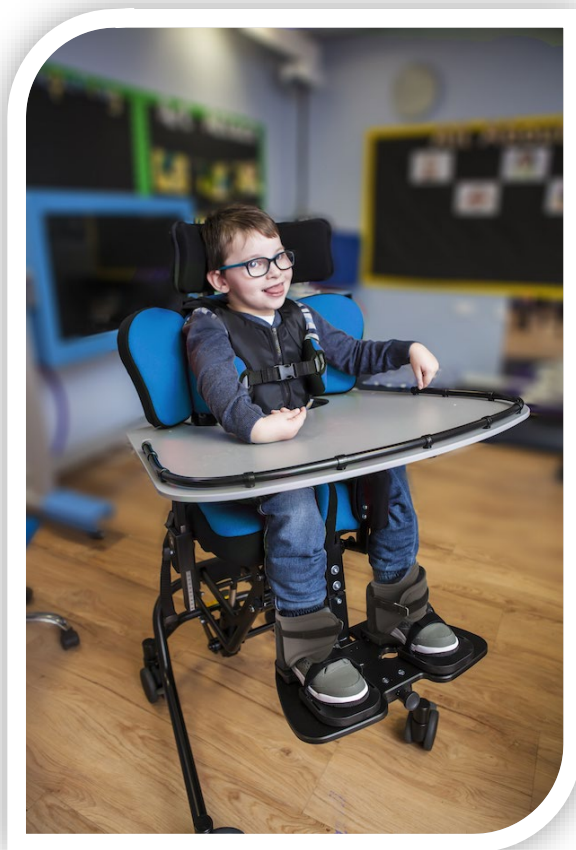


Sample Clinical Reasoning Form – Jenx Junior+



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Describe who you are, your role, client's name and state the equipment you are seeking funding for.

I am a qualified (insert profession) and I am writing this report on behalf of **X**.

As **X**'s therapist, I am requesting funding for a Jenx Junior+ seating system. The Junior+ is a medical necessity that would not be required in the absence of disability, illness, or injury. The following report explains the medical justification.

Explain the client's diagnosis, disability and past medical history (Include functional ability and limitations in segmental body control, overview of other impairments)

X is 18 months old and has a diagnosis of Dystonic Cerebral Palsy, equivalent to GMFCS Level IV. **X** is a twin, who was born at 30 weeks gestation following an emergency C-Section.

X has been referred for an initial pelvic x-ray as part of the Hip Surveillance Pathway, and receives input from Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language, Paediatricians, Orthoptists and Orthotics.

Tone/Movement/Strength: **X** currently has full ROM in all four limbs, but is affected by dystonia and weakness throughout their body. **X** cannot manoeuvre into sitting independently, but can hold their head up well in sitting with support at their trunk and pelvis.

Posture: **X** adopts a flexed and windswept posture over to their left in lying. This posture is fully correctable, but **X** is at great risk of postural changes due to their disability and limited function. There are currently no concerns regarding spinal posture. They have a flexible equinovalgus foot posture bilaterally. **X** has been prescribed night-time splints to stretch their calf muscles and is awaiting an assessment for supportive footwear from the Orthotic team.

Ambulation/Functional Walking Status: Not able to crawl, not mobilising. Is currently working on rolling in therapy. Awaiting an assessment for a standing frame

Cognitive Status: To be determined.

Communication: Speech delay, but making lots of babbling noises and laughing/smiling/crying appropriately.

Hearing: No concerns.

Vision: Suspected cortical visual impairment, difficulties with visual attention.



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Skin Condition/Integrity: Nil concerns, but at risk of skin breakdown secondary due to reduced ability independent repositioning.

Cardio-respiratory status/other: No concerns with cardio-respiratory functions at present. However, there are concerns with choking and coughing with certain foods and fluid and when tired, and an increased aspiration risk. **X** functions at EDACS Level III and remains on puree and mashed food.

Explain the impact of the client's diagnosis on their life (Discuss the implications and limitations without access to therapeutic equipment)

X has a lifelong physical disability. They will not hit the same milestones as their typically developing peers and they will need significant adaptations to participate in the typical daily life of a child. A child functioning at GMFCS level IV will need assistance for nearly all of their daily activities and will need 24-hour postural support. As **X** grows, they will likely need wheeled mobility in most settings and need significant support to practice stepping – such as a gait trainer. **X** is significantly at risk of sedentary behaviour, secondary physical complications, social isolation and pain, particularly if they do not have access to the appropriate equipment. The burden of care on **X**'s parents at home is significant, but this can be eased, again with access to the appropriate equipment. **X** will need input from multiple health professionals throughout their life and will be dependent on the support of carers and adaptive equipment throughout their life.

Provide an overview of the equipment for which you are seeking funding and the physical benefits in relation to the client (Explain how the equipment will provide physical benefits to the client's individual needs, support with clinical references if able)

X struggles to maintain a sitting posture without significant support. They currently have access to a specialist buggy, a floor sitter and a shop-bought highchair. However, **X** spends most of their time in a slouched position with these seating aids, which makes it very difficult to feed, play and interact with the world around them.

The Jenx Junior+ is a robust and highly adaptable active seating system. The hip guides, ischial well, sacral pad and 4-point belt provide a perfect foundation for stable and symmetrical sitting. Options for lower limb, trunk, shoulder and head support mean it can provide a high degree of support for any child. It's easy tool – free adjustments make it easy to support a variety of sitting postures and encourage activity, play and skill development. A child can practice side sitting, long sitting, forward-reaching and active upright sitting safely within this system. The swivel castors on the base make it highly manoeuvrable for aiding exploration and learning about the world around the child. The high-low and tilt-in-space functions aid caregiving, transfers, active or restful sitting, feeding, vision, and communication. These are features that are not available on typical wheelchairs and the buggy being currently used, and that is why various forms of seating are necessary to maximise **X**'s potential as they grow. **X**'s family are



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currently being supported in finding an appropriate nursery for X and the Junior+ will be essential for both home and nursery.

Even though X currently does not have any contractures or scoliosis, evidence shows that those with complex needs are at significant risk of developing such secondary complications (Casey et al., 2022). Implementing an adaptive seating system into a 24-hour postural care plan will help reduce such a risk as it aids more optimal and functional body alignment.

A recent systematic review also makes a conditional recommendation for the use of adaptive seating systems in people with Cerebral Palsy to help with improved upright posture for functioning, including swallowing and hand use, and participating in daily activities (Toohey et al., 2024). International Clinical Practice Guidelines emphasise the importance of harnessing a child's brain plasticity and aptitude for learning in their early years and make recommendations for supporting them in enriched environments, with task-specific motor training that includes self-discovery of environment and enjoyable movement variety (Morgan et al., 2021). An easily adaptable and manoeuvrable, yet highly supportive, seating system like the Junior+ can help replicate these recommendations and can support X in maximising their development. A scoping review has also suggested use of an adaptive seating systems for children with non-ambulant Cerebral Palsy can be beneficial for hip health (Paleg and Livingstone, 2022). Therefore, it is paramount funding is received for the Jenx Junior+ as soon as possible to maximise X's neuroplastic ability and reduce potential of secondary complications.

Describe the psychological benefits of equipment (Include benefits to carers and family as well as client if able, support with clinical references if able)

The Junior+ will have huge psychological benefits to both X and their family. For X, it will support them to be more active, to participate more and to be more independent. It will provide more cognitive stimulation by providing many more opportunities to play and learn. X will be able to do more activities with their twin and their peers, and that will only have a positive effect on their mental well-being. X's parents will see these positives and see their child can be more independent, which will be a positive boost at a time they feel there is uncertainty regarding their child's development. The Junior+ means their child can sit safely and play independently, and its support and adjustability will help during feeding times and transfers. This ultimately will reduce the overall care burden and stress on X's parents.



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Discuss other equipment experiences that have not been appropriate for client (Why were the other equipment not appropriate in relation to the client's needs? Re-iterate benefits of Junior+ in comparison, include specific details of other products as appropriate)

X currently has access to a specialist buggy, a floor sitter and a shop-bought highchair. However, they spend most of their time in a slouched position in these seating aids, which makes it very difficult to feed, play and interact with the world around them. They are not experiencing the world like their peers and are at risk of becoming increasingly isolated at a time when their development should be at its most prolific.

They require a seating system that is adaptable and will support a variety of seated positions and encourage much more learning and activity opportunities. In the Junior+ they can sit upright for active play or recline when resting. They can sit up to a nursery table to be with their peers or go down to the floor to play with their twin. They can practice reaching for toys on the tray and practice step transfers as their weightbearing increases.

Describe the equipment and accessories being requested for the client X will require:

- 1 Junior+ Seat Unit
- 1 Y-Base
- 1 Multigrip Headrest
- 1 Shoulder Protractors Size 1 (Pair)
- 1 Flexi Thoracic Supports Size 1 (Pair)
- 1 Arm Rests (Pair)
- 1 Tray
- 1 Reduce Cut Out Tray Infill
- 1 Activity Frame
- 1 Adjustable Push Handle
- 1 Wipeable Covers
- 1 Leg Control Pads (Pair)
- 1 Sandals with Ankle Snugs Size 1 (Pair)



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Use descriptions of medical necessity below to assist with the clinical need in relation to the client, delete items as appropriate.

Jenx Junior+ components and medical necessity

(Delete items as required)

Item	Description of Medical Necessity
Junior+ Seat Unit 	Suitable for children from approx 18 months – 12 years Across 3 sizes, each Junior+ seat unit provides all the basics for a solid seating foundation, including: • Contoured PU seat with removable abduction pad and memory foam seat pad • Adjustable, flip-away PU hip pads • Angle adjustable & flip-up footplate • 4-point lap strap • Height adjustable PU back pad • Independently adjustable PU lumbar/sacral pad • Leg control brackets The adjustability of the Junior+ means it will provide the appropriate support for X's current functional level, but it can also be easily used for challenging skill and changing seated position. The seat depth can be adjusted with the user still in situ – perfect for practicing long sitting or side sitting as part of therapy. The hip guides can be adjusted via tool-free methods to challenge postural control or can be flipped out of the way to practice step transfers. The foundation of hip guides, ischial well, memory foam pad, sacral pad and 4 point belt function together to create stable, symmetrical and comfortable sitting. X is currently at the minimum settings for size 1, so the Junior size 1 will grow with them for a number of years.

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Y Base 	The most flexible base in the Jenx range, the Y-base offers a huge range of height adjustment from 335 - 755mm to enable the child access and participate in as much of their environment as possible. The tilt-in-space functionality of 30° recline and 10° prone supports active or resting postures and aids transfers in and out of the seating system. Lockable, swivel castors ensure stability and easy manoeuvrability around home and school environments. The high-low range is perfect for floor play, practicing sit-to-stands or sitting at the family dinner table at teatime. The tilt-in-space encourages easy postural changes, active or restful sitting, as well as aiding transfers in and out of the system. The swivel castors are perfect for exploring X's environment.
X Base Black 	A compact, robust and cost effective base with high-low and tilt-in-space functionality. With lockable, swivel castors and a height range of 345-515mm. Tilt-In-Space 30° recline, 10° prone.
X Base White 	The white based version of the X-Base offers a higher height range of 395-595mm, meaning it can now allow children to engage with family members and friends at dining table height with ease. Tilt-in-space 30° - 10° prone

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Multigrip™ Headrests 	Mounted on a flexible bracket, the headrest utilises interlocking fingers to mould the head pad to a variety of shapes and accommodate various head postures. Comes mounted on a flexible fixing bracket giving adjustment for height, depth and angle. The Multigrip is highly adjustable and can be easily reduced in support when X is working hard on head and upper trunk control, but when X is resting or feeding, the Multigrip will provide precise and comfortable positioning to help conserve energy.
Oval Headrest 	Simple headrest available in a range of colours for children who require minimal head support and gentle prompting. Comes mounted on a flexible fixing bracket giving adjustment or height, depth and angle.
Medium Back Pad 	This accommodates larger children who fit the length of the traditional Junior+ but need extra width for comfort and support. Standard on size 3 Junior+.
Shoulder Protractors 	Comfort-style shoulder protractors to encourage a functional mid-line activities and prevent excessive retraction. Completely flip-away when not required and can be reduced in support incrementally to challenge and develop postural control. Independently adjustable for width and angle. Available in 2 sizes. X is affected by dystonia and weakness which hampers their ability to use their upper limbs functionally. They can struggle to bring their hands to midline when fatigued. The shoulder protractors provide gentle prompting to aid this function, help reduce extensor

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	patterning and provide increased sensory feedback to the shoulder girdle. They can be reduced in support via push to challenge and develop X's upper limb and head control.
Flexible Thoracic Support Pads 	Available in a range of sizes, these slimline and super flexible Support Pads (with straps) are designed to provide outstanding positioning with comfort in mind. All sizes feature single-handed flip-away action and are independently adjustable for height and width to ensure maximum trunk control. They can also be reduced in their support incrementally to challenge and develop postural control. Also available: High-rise Flexible Thoracic Supports, offering a greater range of height adjustment. The flexible wrap-around laterals provide a greater surface area of contact for those who require greater facilitation and support. This also significantly increases the level of sensory feedback X experiences in the chair, helping them feel more secure and can reduce their dystonia. They can be individually adjusted in width and height to cater for individual postures, and can easily be reduced in support via push button to challenge and develop X's postural control.
Thoracic Support Pads 	Available in a range of sizes (all without straps) with regular, or high/low rise brackets, these trunk support pads are made from flexible and hygienic PU. There is a single-handed push button flip away action on all supports and they are independently adjustable for height and width. Can be offset to brace a scoliosis or accommodate other skeletal deformities.

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Arm Rests 	Provided as a pair, the Armrests are independently adjustable for height and angle. Clear markings make it easy to set the Armrests at the correct height. Padded armrest covers in a range of colours are also available. Needed to attach the tray. They provide gentle support and stability for the upper limbs, and creating a reassuring boundary for more sensory-informed and safe sitting for X.
Tray 	A useful surface for work, feeding or play. Made from food-grade plastic providing a hygienic and easy-to-clean surface. Contrasting tray edging gives a definitive boundary particularly useful for users with visual impairments and enables toys or other items to be securely fastened in place. Available in two sizes. Requires armrests for use. The tray will be a stable area of play and stimulation for X. They can practice reaching for their toys or iPad. They can practice playing with a jigsaw or stacking cups. They can read a book more easily with mummy and daddy. This simple addition makes seating so much more active and functional.
Reduced Cut-Out Tray Infill 	Designed to work with the standard Junior+ Trays by reducing the aperture for smaller children. Perfect surface for use with suction toys, anchors or grab bars. Helps prevent slimmer arms from falling into gaps. The infill will reduce the aperture to suit X's slimmer posture. It will also provide a suction surface for some of their favourite toys so they can play more independently in the seating system.

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Clear Tray Overlay 	Ideal for use with communication aids, makaton symbols and other teaching/learning aids. Simply sandwich the teaching aid between the tray and clear overlay to provide a protective, waterproof cover.
Tray Elbow Blocks 	Used to encourage arms into a mid-line position and/or to block excessive retraction.
Activity Frame 	Great for encouraging head control and hand/eye co-ordination. Easy to attach and adjust. Comes with two clips for attaching toys or other items The activity frame is another addition to make sitting more active for X. It encourages active reaching and exploration for toys, and the development of trunk, upper limb and head control.
Grab Bar 	Perfect for children who need to fix one hand to increase functionality
Padding on Tray Edge 	Extra cushioning for the tray aperture. Attaches with hook and loop fastening and is covered in wipe-clean PU fabric. Ideal for protecting bony elbows and arms from banging on the tray edge or support surface

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Half and Full Tray Padding 	Extra cushioning for the tray. Attaches with hook and loop fastening and is covered in wipe-clean PU fabric, ideal for optimum infection control
Waistcoat Harness 	Provides additional trunk and shoulder stability, particularly for children with low tone. Zip system allows for easy access to gastroonomy feed tubes, and for quick release if clinically indicated, Provides additional sensory feedback. Available in 4 sizes to accommodate growth, with the option of a more dynamic polyurethane material or slightly firmer wipe-clean outer surface fabric.
Adjustable Push Handle 	Makes moving equipment safer and easier for carers, flips away in seconds when not in use so ideal for busy classroom environments or where space is at a premium. Has a comfortable padded foam handle and is height-adjustable. The push handle will aid caregiving for X's parents, making tilt-in-space and manoeuvrability easier.
5-Port Extension Back Post 	Gives extra height to the Back Pad, for those who require it.

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Removable, Washable, Padded Covers 	A full range of colour co-ordinated covers are available for the seat and accessories. Easily removed and machine washable at 40°. Available in Red, Blue, Pink, Green, Yellow or Grey. A foam inlay within the covers adds to the overall comfort of sitting within the seating system. Optional memory foam padding is also available for additional pressure relief where needed.
Removable, Padded, Wipeable Covers 	With the wipeable covers, the Junior+ can be cleaned quickly and conveniently. The wipeable covers are anti-microbial, offering the highest standard of cleanliness and infection control. A foam inlay within the covers adds to the overall comfort of sitting within the seating system. Optional memory foam padding is also available for additional pressure relief where needed. The wipeable covers are perfect for X, as the Junior+ will be used during feeding time at home. They will make cleaning and caregiving easier.
Ischial Bar 	Simple yet highly effective positioning aid for children with a strong tendency towards sacral sitting. Position beneath the memory foam pad in front of the ischial tuberosities
Hip Width Reducing Pads 	Designed to effortlessly slot in between the hip pad and cover, the infill reduces the hip width by 50mm, accommodating a narrower hip-width

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Leg Control Pads 	Unique Leg Control Pads allow you to control leg position independently of pelvic position, creating abduction or adduction or controlling windsweeping. Flip completely out of the way to facilitate smooth, safe and dignified transfers. The leg control pads will reduce X's windsweeping posture, creating more stable and functional positioning, whilst reducing risk of secondary complications at their hips and spine. They can be easily flipped away to challenge and develop sitting skill, or for when practicing transfers.
Abduction Block 	Available in three sizes providing different levels of abducted seating for individual body sizes. Helps also provide gentle stretching for users with high-tone hip adductors
Sandals 	Available in different sizes to accommodate the size of foot, even when wearing splints. Provide support for optimal foot positioning in sitting or standing. These sandals provide optimal positioning and sensory feedback to make sitting feel safe and stable. They aid optimal lower limb positioning and will assist in reducing X's windsweeping posture
Ankle Snugs 	An accessory for the sandals that can provide extra comfort, support and sensory feedback around the foot and ankle complex. The ankle snugs provide an extra layer of sensory feedback and stability for safe and fun sitting for X.

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Sandal Raising Blocks 	Available for every size of Jenx sandals the raising block kits give the sandals that extra bit of height where needed. To aid accommodation of leg length discrepancy.
Booties 	Available for the smallest Jenx seating systems, Booties provide gentle and comfortable support for tiny feet even without shoes. They are soft and extra padded with no fiddly straps, press studs or buckles.
Additional Footplat Brackets 	Provides support for feet. 3 different sizes of Bracket allow for different leg lengths, for a more individualised and specific set-up of the seat, for body dimensions that may not fit the standard package offering
Footplate Pad 	Attaches to the footplate to provide a softer surface for those who can't tolerate more structured foot positioning
Box Style Footplates 	Perfect for children whose condition precludes them from having their feet fixed. Provides a level of control while still allowing freedom of movement

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Goals of Recommended Equipment (Client and Carer's voice should be central to goals, goals should be personal to client's individual needs)

X's carers want to improve their child's comfort and sitting ability and have X more involved and independent in day-to-day life in the home. They want to see that their child can develop physically and maximise their potential.

- To improve X's sitting posture against gravity
- To improve upper limb ability
- To improve trunk control
- To increase physical activity levels
- To provide functional and safe positioning
- To reduce dystonic movements
- To prevent postural deterioration
- To aid communication skills
- To aid feeding and swallowing
- To reduce burden for caregivers
- To improve X's ability to interact with family and overall well-being

How does prescription of this equipment incorporate the F-Words in Childhood Disability (Rosenbaum & Gorter, 2011)?

Fitness – The Junior + provides optimal support to create a stable and symmetrical posture that allows for reduced energy expenditure. It helps to avoid prolonged 'destructive' postures that may affect internal functioning and lead to musculoskeletal abnormalities. It encourages active sitting and play that will help build X's stamina and reduce their fatigue. It will boost X's mental well-being by providing many more opportunities for play and learning.

Function – Features such as the adjustable shoulder protractors, leg guides, hip guides and tray help to create stable and active postures. They can encourage development of upper limb skills, trunk control and head control. The open design of the seating system and adjustability of the base is perfect for practicing sit-to-stand or step transfers when X increases their weightbearing ability.

Friends – X is awaiting a nursery placement, and the Junior+ will support this transition whilst encouraging more inclusion in the learning environment. They can take part in floor play with their friends or join in with learning at the class table.

Family – The Junior+ will reduce the care burden on parents and help with daily activities such as feeding. Family will see that X can sit and play safely and independently with the appropriate seating system. This will boost family mental well-being, whilst also giving them periods of time for themselves. X can sit up at the family dinner table during mealtimes, joining in with their sibling.

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Fun – The Junior+ will open a world of fun for **X**. The tray can support all their favourite toys and they can interact with them much more easily with the high level of support the Junior+ provides. **X** can now sit and interact with their favourite television programmes, and they can see the screen more clearly.

Future – The Junior will grow with **X** and support them for many years to come, continuing to help to develop their skills and providing optimal postural care.

Discuss costs of not having equipment/cost benefits with the equipment in place

Without appropriate seating support, **X** is at significant risk of postural changes due to immobility and the destructive effects of gravity and tone on the body. This would also put them at risk of younger mortality. This could lead to expensive medical intervention and follow-up care. Generally, it could lead to increases in therapy, medical intervention, care and equipment needs. The Junior+ could help prevent these further cost implications when used in conjunction with **X**'s current therapy programme.

Summary/Conclusion

The Junior+ will be invaluable to **X**'s 24-hour positioning programme, ensuring multiple safe, stable and symmetrical seating positions where they can work on trunk and upper limb control and interacting with their peers. The Junior+ will help to reduce the possibility of postural deterioration as part of active movement programme. It will support more opportunities for learning and cognitive stimulation throughout the day. The high-low base will provide an easier and safer option for family to transfer and feed **X**, reducing risk of back injury and reducing burden of care.

It is essential funding is provided for the Junior+ so **X** and family can have improved quality of life.

Signed:

Date:



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Include pictures showing the support the Junior+ can provide



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