



Case study 2

A 55-year-old patient was admitted to hospital following a fall from her chair. She has a bruise on her hip but no fracture but has a chest infection. She weighs 260kg. Her hips are fixed in external rotation. She has severe leg ulcers that need to be dressed 3 times a week. She has agoraphobia.

This is her second admission. Her last admission was approx. 18 months ago and was 11 months duration due to barriers accessing her home. She lives alone with carers coming in 3 times a day. She has refused to have a hospital bed and the compromise is a reclinable chair which she now sleeps in. She stands and takes a few steps to transfer to commode and stands for some elements of dressing for her legs. She has one step into the house and access and egress is very difficult, so she only leaves the house in an emergency with an ambulance crew.

Her bariatric reclining chair has broken and primary care are working on getting it repaired. She moves in bed pulling with her arms on the side rails or top of bed. She is now off her baseline and is unable to stand independently. She has now recovered from her chest infection and needs to start sitting out and stand to take a few steps with bariatric walking frame and sit into recliner chair to allow her to return home with primary care support.