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## Letter to Physician

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Dear Physician:

One of your patients is interested in participating in supervised equestrian activities.

In order to safely provide this service, we request that you complete the attached Physician Assessment and Physician Release forms. Please note that the following conditions may present precautions or contraindications to therapeutic horseback riding. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present and to what degree.

### **Orthopedic:**

- Atlantoaxial Instability-include neurologic symptoms
- Contractures
- Coxa Arthrosis
- Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans
- Joint subluxation/dislocation
- Osteoporosis
- Pathologic Fractures
- Spinal Instability/Abnormalities
- Spinal Fusion/Fixation
- Scoliosis 30 degrees or greater

### **Neurologic:**

- Hydrocephalus/Shunt
- Neuromuscular Disorders (if pain or fatigue increases with the activity)
- Uncontrolled Seizures
- Tethered Cord Symptoms Chiari II Malformations, Hydromyelia Symptoms (all are associated with Spina Bifida)
- Spinal Cord Injury (contraindication if injury is above T-6)

### **Medical/ Psychological:**

- Allergies
- Animal Abuse
- Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse
- Blood Pressure Control
- Dangerous to self or others
- Exacerbations of medical conditions
- Hemophilia
- Medical instability
- PVD
- Respiratory Compromise

### **Other:**

- Age: under 4 years
- Indwelling Catheters
- Medications – i.e., photosensitivity
- Skin Breakdown

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this patient's participation in therapeutic riding activities, please feel free to contact me by phone at 713-436-6625 or by email at [director@soleanastables.org](mailto:director@soleanastables.org).

Warm regards,  
Sasha L. Camacho  
Executive Director of SoléAna Stables



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## Physician Assessment

**(This Form Must Be Completed in Full and Signed by Participant's Physician)**

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitalization/Surgery (Date & Reason): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Shunts/Implants/Appliances: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last revision: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Seizure Disorder present? \_\_\_\_\_ Controlled? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last Seizure: \_\_\_\_\_

Seizure Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility (Independent/Assisted/Wheelchair): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Precautions/Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Indicate Current or Past Special Needs in the Following Areas:***

Area	Yes	No	Comments
Auditory			
Visual			
Speech			
Tactile Sensation			
Cardiac			
Skin/Circulatory			
Pulmonary			
Neurological/Sensation			
Muscular			
Orthopedic			
Bowel/Bladder			
Allergies			
Immunity			
Cognition			
Psychological/Emotional			
Amputations			
Balance/Coordination			
Pain			
Other			

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant or Parent/Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Physicians Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Physician Release

To my knowledge there is no reason why \_\_\_\_\_

(Patient's Name)

cannot participate in supervised equestrian activities. However, I understand that SoléAna Stables will weigh the medical information contained in the physician release form against existing precautions and contraindications. Therefore, I refer this person to SoléAna Stables for ongoing evaluation to determine eligibility for participation.

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### \*\*\*Participants with Down syndrome\*\*\*

PATH International standards require that all participants with Down syndrome provide annual proof of a complete neurological exam that specifically denies any symptoms consistent with atlantoaxial instability (AAI). AAI is an instability or dislocation of the joints between the first and second cervical vertebrae that could result in serious injury or paralysis. **A Cervical X-Ray is no longer required, however, if the participant has had one done previously for Atlantoaxial Instability please indicate results below.**

Cervical X-Ray for Atlantoaxial Instability: Positive: \_\_\_\_\_ Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ X-Ray Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following:

Date of last neurologic exam \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms of atlantoaxial instability (AAI) present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's name, address & telephone number (please print, type or stamp):

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