

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE TOILETING EXPERIENCE FOR CERTAIN  
WHEELCHAIR USERS:

From Peg Graham:

The family of Margaret O'Grady Graham, who lived with post-polio syndrome for years before passing away in 2004, has taken to heart her frustrations with the traditional bedside commode. In her memory, they are developing an improved commode that uses (1) a battery-powered lift to raise/lower the commode seat and (2) a "ball-in-socket connected transfer board" that remains in place as someone moves along its length. Together, these two features allow wheelchair users with trunk stability and upper body/arm strength to independently toilet.

The family is starting to plan a strategy for testing this improved commode for usability and functionality and is looking for a clinically qualified Principal Investigator (PI) to help them establish the test protocol. Ideally, applicants will come from the fields of Rehabilitative Medicine, Physical Medicine, Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy and have a passion about addressing quality of life challenges facing wheelchair users and their caregivers. Please email Peg Graham at [pgraham@quainc.com](mailto:pgraham@quainc.com) if you would like to learn more about this initiative and/or are interested in serving as the PI.

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