

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DISABILITY SERVICES OFFICE

DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES

Physical Disabilities / Systemic Illnesses / Other Medical Conditions

Physical disabilities, systemic illnesses and other medical conditions include, but are not limited to: mobility impairments, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, chemical sensitivities, spinal cord injuries, cancer, AIDS, muscular dystrophy, and spinal bifida.

Any physical disability and systemic illness is considered to be in the medical domain and require the expertise of a physician, including a neurologist, psychiatrist or other medical specialist with experience and expertise in the area for which accommodations are being requested. The diagnostician should be an impartial individual who is not a family member of the student.

The following guidelines are provided to assist the service provider in collaborating with each student to determine appropriate accommodations. Documentation services as the foundation that legitimizes a student's request for appropriate accommodations.

Recommended documentation includes:

1. A clear statement of the medical diagnosis of the physical disability or systemic illness.
2. Documentation for eligibility should be current.
3. A summary of assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis and a summary of evaluation results, including standardized or percentile scores.
4. A description of present symptoms that meet the criteria for diagnosis.
5. Medical information relating to the student's needs to include the impact of medication on the student's ability to meet the demands of the post-secondary environment.
6. Suggestions of reasonable accommodations that might be appropriate at the post-secondary level are encouraged. These recommendations should be supported by the diagnosis.