

MOBILITY DIFFERENCES

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INTRODUCTION



Click on the photo to meet Lauren. She will tell you about what it's like to live with muscular dystrophy.



Click on the photo to meet Ms. Matulich. She will tell you about transitioning to life with a spinal cord injury and using a wheelchair.



Click on the image to watch a video about the spinal cord. How would a spinal cord injury change the way that nerves carry messages from the brain?

Definition and Description

What is Muscular Dystrophy?

- Muscular dystrophy is a group of diseases that causes progressive weakness in muscles.
- People with muscular dystrophy have a gene mutation that affects protein production. Without this protein, muscles can't get stronger.
- There are 9 types of muscular dystrophy.
- People with muscular dystrophy often use wheelchairs.

What is a Spinal Cord Injury?

- Damage to any part of the spinal cord often causes changes in sensation or and/or strength below the point of the injury.