Choosing a Phone

Things to consider:

- Ask yourself, what do I want to be able to do?

- How is my arm and hand function?

  - Will I need a stylus or a mouth stick?

  - Do I need a mounting system?

- Who is my carrier?

  - Am I willing to switch carriers to get the phone I want?

- Should I wait for a new version to come out?

- How large of a screen do I need?

- Home key access: location and pressure needed to activate?

- Voice Access:

  - How reliable is it?

  - Which phone features & apps are compatible with it?

- What accessibility apps come with your phone or are compatible with your phone?

- Will I use **Bluetooth** access or a speaker phone?

  - How will I "wake up" my Bluetooth?

  - Does my Bluetooth have built in voice dialing?

  - What phones will pair with my Bluetooth?

Resources

Websites:

- **C-NET Technology Reviews:**
  www.cnet.com

- **Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation:**
  Paralysis Resource Center → Assistive Technology
  www.christopherreeve.org

- **Gari Comparison Tool at Access Wireless.org:**
  http://www.accesswireless.org/Home.aspx

Community Resources:

- **Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP):**
  www.watap.org

- **Washington Access Fund (WAF)**
  http://www.washingtonaccessfund.org/

Mounting Systems:

- **Smart phone holder & mount**
  www.quadadapt.com/adaptive_solutions.html

- **iphone & ipad mounts**
  http://www.wheelchairs.com/devicemounts.htm

- **Phone, Tablet, and Computer mounts**
  www. rammounts.com

- **Table Top Mounts**

    1. http://store.tradeshowdirect.com/EVO_5507_T_Laptop_Mount_p/monitor%20mount%20evo%205507-tlaptop.htm

    2. http://www.populasfurniture.com/accessory/flat-screen-monitor-arm/

- **Over Bed Tray Tables**

    1. http://www.amazon.com/Adjustable-Rolling-Hospital-Laptop-Table/dp/B009HF3V5A/ref=pd_sim_sbs_hpc_6

    2. http://www.google.com/products/catalog?q=Drive+Medical+pivot+and+tilt+overbed+table&hl=en&cid=4612181629606651621&ei=oRWjT-3wG43oigTIiuzNCg&ved=0CAcQ8wIwAA#p

    3. http://www.amazon.com/LAPTOP-COMPUTER-NOTEBOOK-TABLE-MOBILE/dp/B004NB7G22

- **Laptop Mount:**
  http://www.quadadapt.com/catalog/item/6504032/9354638.htm

- **Adjustable Tables:**

    1. www.populasfurniture.com

    2. www.hertzfurniture.com

Voice Access for Computers:
Getting started, tools and other resources

- **Windows 7, 8, Vista resource**
  http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/windowsvista/speech.aspx

- **Dragon Naturally Speaking**
  http://www.nuance.com/for-individuals/by-product/dragon-for-pc/getting-started-version-12/index.htm