

The three things that we could file IP protection on are as follows:

1. The hydraulic system, used to lift and lower the toilet seat to align with the height of the wheelchair, that is connected into the waterline of the toilet itself, is a patentable design.
2. A patent to cover the entire chair/seat design that fits around the existing toilet structure that has arm and torso supports that may be hinged to aid in transfer or is adjustable to different individuals.
3. If we were to manufacture the product down the line to sell, the manufacturing process could be considered a trade secret in order to prevent others from using our process to make the toilet system themselves.

Assigning IP:

I think as a group, we would all agree to leaving it in the public domain, since we will most likely not be trying to market the design as a product, but the design would help a lot of people if people were to invest money in manufacturing it. Additionally it was noted on the PRP that the client would like it to remain in the public domain so it is important to take that into consideration.