Sit to Stand

What is the purpose of a sit/stand workstation?

- 1. First and foremost, a sit/stand workstation should not trade off sitting for standing.
- 2. It should allow safe working postures for both sitting and standing.
- 3. It should encourage switching from sitting to standing to engage the hip flexors instead of counting the duration spent standing.
- 4. It should reduce exposure to any prolonged positions—sitting or standing.



Considerations before getting a sit/stand:

- 1. Address your chair and sitting *postures* first. If your chair is broken or your chair is not adjustable, you would need to implement better sitting before changing to standing position.
- 2. Find other ways to stand or move around to interrupt sitting throughout the day such as the following: answering a phone call standing, walking to a colleagues' office, walking to a copy room, drink plenty of water, conduct a walking meeting. Check out <u>Move at Work</u>.
- 3. Implement hourly routine consisting of 40-45 minutes of sitting, 10-15 minutes of standing, 2 minutes of stretching.
- 4. Consider number of screens, use of documents and how your workflow will be affected by the type of sit/stand workstation you select.
- 5. Remove any vertical obstruction to allow sit/stand to adjust workstation up and down.

Type of Sit/Stand Workstation	Pros	Cons
Electric Height-Adjustable Desk: Workrite Essentia GrandStands V3 Extended Herman Miller Motia Extended Electric	 Adjusting height range of 22"-49" will accommodate someone 5'0"- 6'5" in height Includes height display switch Will allow multiple monitors Weight capacity over 200lbs Best in multi-user workstations 	Will not adjust without power
Desk-mounted with lowered Keyboard and Mouse Platform: Workrite Solace 2 Health Postures TaskMate Go	 Adjusting range of 25"-45" will accommodate someone 5'2"-6'4" in height, if installed on a 29" desk surface height Will adjust without power Better for single monitor set up 	 Manually adjusted Maximum 2 monitors Limited height range Limited weight capacity (less than 35lbs) Becomes too heavy for dual screen set up
Electric Desk-mounted Surface Platforms: Versadesk	 Adjusting range of 29"-46" will accommodate someone 5'4"-6'2" in height, if installed on a 29" desk surface height Electric powered 	 Will not adjust without power Maximum 2 monitors Limited height range Limited weight capacity (less than 50lbs Becomes too heavy for dual screen set up

Click here: <u>Height-Adjustable Workstations</u> for features and vendor information.