

GO GREEN!

The 3 R's of DME: Recycle, Redesign and Redistribute
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Recycled Equipment Program

Carolinas Rehabilitation
Department of Therapies
PT Float Pool

Objectives

1. The audience will be able to identify the benefits of recycled durable medical equipment.
2. The participants will be able to list the necessary components of a recycled equipment program.
3. Through case studies the participants will list the areas and patient populations the process and success of a recycled equipment program impacts.

A SPECIALTY PROGRAM

Responsibilities

- Accept Donations from the Community
- Provide specialty equipment for long term care residents
- Provide specialty equipment for trial in sub-acute rehabilitation departments
- Assist in determination of budget items for rehab departments
- Repairs to departmental equipment
- Quotes / Use of donation parts for repair of facility chairs

- Assist in definitive specialty equipment prescription
- Assist in determination of Medicare rental systems
- Provision of loaner equipment for d/c
- Donations to Other Specialty Clinics (ALS / MD)
- Patient / Family Education
- Staff Education
- Community Education
- Liaison to CHS DME Company

Carolinas Healthcare System

What Does it Take?

- Tools
- Storage Unit
- Accessible Van
- Donations
- Technical Knowledge of all Manufacturers
- Clinical Knowledge

Who Does it Benefit?

- Facilities
- Therapists
- Indigent Patients
- Long Term Care Residents
- Sub-acute Patients

Case Studies