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Medical supply stores: individual aids for independent living

It's not just about finding the right wheelchair: when homes are furnished to meet the demands of people with impairments many obstacles can be overcome on the path towards independence. At REHACARE 2024 you can experience how medical supply stores can provide personalised support here.

Staying mobile after an accident, an operation or with chronic illness – this takes various forms depending on each individual's personal circumstances: elaborate technical solutions such as wheelchairs for children are – as a rule – customised. With both children and adults, it is important to consider how to re-design the home so the person can continue living in it well. Mobility restrictions are always also a question of the surroundings a person moves in," says Kirsten Abel of "Wir versorgen Deutschland" (WvD) (We supply Germany). This alliance of central organisations of service providers is committed to ensuring the supply of those high-quality aids required by just under 25% of Germany's statutorily insured patients. By WvD' accounts, over 120,000 employees as well as 8,000 service providers in orthopaedic technology, orthopaedic footwear technology, rehabilitation technology and home health care are committed to this.

Various disciplines are working together

One of the large health service providers also exhibiting at REHACARE 2024 is rahm, a company with 50 outlets in the Rhineland. rahm has focused on offering specialist staff for years now putting together care teams that cover various disciplines. They work hand in hand using state-of-the-art technology such as 3D printers to manufacture matching aids. "We have been driving the digitalisation of our trade since 2015 and offer




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