



Lending Medical Equipment

Lending para-medical and rehabilitative equipment is Yad Sarah's most extensive and fundamental service. The aim is to enable sick, disabled and elderly people to remain in their homes or to shorten hospital stays.



Yad Sarah dispenses well over 300 different kinds of medical and orthopedic equipment - over 300,000 items in all - ranging from crutches, walkers and humidifiers to respiratory monitors for babies, sophisticated electronic wheelchairs, and hospital beds. More than 180,000 free loans are made annually from the 100 branches.

Most of the standard equipment is available at the more than 100 Yad Sarah branches throughout the country. Yad Sarah headquarters in Jerusalem coordinates the lending for the whole country, using a computerized inventory and dispatching vans to insure top availability of equipment for all branches. The volunteers are trained to give clear and easy instructions for correct use of the items lent.

Following are some examples of rehabilitative and physiotherapeutic equipment lent by Yad Sarah:

- **Wheelchairs** (16 different kinds, including motorized, electronic, child-sized, toilet, reclining and others). There are about 18,000 Yad Sarah wheelchairs in circulation around the country at any given time.
- **Crutches** (many kinds and sizes)
- **Walkers** (many kinds including wheeled, telescopic, etc.)
- **Hydraulic seats** - for toilet, bathtub, shower
- **Hospital beds** (electric and manual) and accessories - side rails, levers, head or foot elevations
- **Air mattresses + electric air pumps** - to help with the problem of bed sores
- **CPM machines** (continuous progressive movement) for leg and knee, shoulder, elbow or fingers.
- **Lymphapress** for treating lymphoedema
- **Exercise bicycles, treadmills**
- **T.E.N.S. pain relievers** (by small electric pulses)
- **Oxygen concentrators** to produce 90% oxygen from air, for people needing respiratory support
- **Cardiac apnea monitors** to alert the parents of at-risk babies when breathing stops or heartbeat slows - to help prevent crib death
- ...and many other items, from small and simple (hot water bottles, electric heating pads, glucochecks, blood pressure cuffs, etc.) to large and sophisticated (motorized buggies, pulse oximeters, computer controlled IV feeding pumps, and more).

All these and many more items are lent free, against a small refundable deposit.