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The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
SCHEME:		
Titles Changed:	A61H	1/00, 1/003, 1/005, 1/0218, 1/0229, 1/0255
	A61H	3/00, 3/008, 2003/0272, 3/0288, 3/04
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A61H	Subclass
	A61H	1/00, 1/001, 1/003, 1/005, 1/006, 1/008, 1/02, 2001/0207, 1/0218, 1/0222, 1/024, 1/0244, 1/0255, 1/0262, 1/0285, 1/0292
	A61H	3/00, 3/008, 3/02, 2003/0233, 2003/0238, 2003/0272, 2003/0283, 2003/0294, 3/04, 2003/043, 2003/046, 3/061, 3/068
	A61H	5/00, 5/005

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL): A61B 5/103

This Notice of Changes includes the following:

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)
- C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2. DEFINITIONS

- A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
- B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

5. CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS A61H - PHYSICAL THERAPY APPARATUS, e.g. DEVICES FOR LOCATING OR STIMULATING REFLEX POINTS IN THE BODY; ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION; MASSAGE; BATHING DEVICES FOR SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC OR HYGIENIC PURPOSES OR SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE BODY

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
M	A61H1/00	0	Apparatus for passive exercising (A61H5/00 takes precedence); Vibrating apparatus; Chiropractic devices, e.g. body impacting devices, external devices for briefly extending or aligning unbroken bones	
M	A61H1/003	2	{Rocking or oscillating around a horizontal axis transverse to the body}	
M	A61H1/005	1	{Moveable platforms, e.g. vibrating or oscillating platforms for standing, sitting, laying or leaning}	
M	A61H1/0218	2	{Drawing-out devices}	
M	A61H1/0229	3	{by reducing gravity forces normally applied to the body, e.g. by lifting or hanging the body or part of it (suspension devices for supporting the patient in upright walking or standing position A61H3/008)}	
M	A61H1/0255	3	{Both knee and hip of a patient, e.g. in supine or sitting position, the feet being moved together in a plane substantially parallel to the body-symmetrical plane (A61H1/0214 takes precedence)}	
M	A61H3/00	0	Appliances for aiding patients or disabled persons to walk about (apparatus for helping babies to walk A47D13/04 {; applying electrical currents by contact electrodes for stimulating motor muscles, e.g. walking assistance A61N1/36003})	
M	A61H3/008	1	{using suspension devices for supporting the body in an upright walking or standing position, e.g. harnesses}	

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M	A61H2003/0272	3	{on a single crutch allowing it to remain upright when not in use, e.g. retractable tripods }	
M	A61H3/0288	2	{Ferrules or tips therefor}	
M	A61H3/04	1	Wheeled walking aids for patients or disabled persons	

*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; T = existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:

- **No {curly brackets } are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The {curly brackets } are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types.
- “Transferred to” column must be completed for all C, D, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “Transferred to” column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “<administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD> , <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or <administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.
- For finalization projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A61H

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Apparatus or processes which are not used for surgical purposes utilizing mechanical energy transmitted by direct physical contact with the external surface of the thorax portion of human bodies to induce or supplement normal breathing (e.g. iron lungs).

Apparatus or processes, which are not used for surgical purposes that are specially adapted to improve or promote the optical functioning of individuals (e.g. rectify defective vision, improve the natural operation of their eyes) by:

- contacting eyes or their muscles directly to move the eyes,
- subjecting the eyes of individuals to controlled muscle strain,
- utilizing stimulators, such as flash illumination, to cause movement of eyes of individuals in a controlled manner, or
- facilitating or training individuals through practice to move their own eyes in a beneficial manner.

Apparatus or devices that are explicitly designed for use by a single patient or disabled person for the purpose of helping them overcome a physical condition that impairs their ability to walk unassisted across the ground or similar support surface (e.g. crutches).

Apparatus or processes utilizing mechanical energy directly applied upon human bodies for therapy (e.g. massage). These therapy apparatus and processes are intended to facilitate the healing of diseases, promote or assist normal operation of a malfunctioning body part, reduce the impact of injuries, or beneficially influence the condition of disabled body parts either by the physical movement of body parts (e.g. devices for exercising a passive body member) or other types of physical stimulation (e.g. touching) transmitted through contact with:

- external body surfaces, or
- surfaces of naturally occurring body cavities.

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Apparatus or processes which are not used for surgical purposes utilizing mechanical energy directly applied to human bodies by physical contact therewith (e.g. chiropractic) to treat, alleviate the effects of, or prevent disease or bodily malfunctions (e.g. misalignments of bone, aberrant joint) solely by manipulation, adjustment, or realignment of at least a portion of the skeletal system of the body (e.g. bone joints, tendons, spinal columns) by either:

- impacting external surfaces of bodies to manipulate or adjust portions of their skeletons containing unbroken bones, or
- pulling or pushing on the external surfaces of bodies to extend or compress portions of their skeletons containing unbroken bones.

Apparatus or processes which are not used for surgical purposes utilizing mechanical energy directly applied upon human bodies by physical contact (e.g. massage) to rub, stroke, knead, tap, vibrate, or otherwise move a portion of the external surface of human bodies, or the surfaces of their naturally occurring body cavities, to either:

- physically relax individuals,
- physically arouse or stimulate individuals, or
- counteract or relieve bodily pains.

Apparatus or processes which are not used for surgical purposes (e.g. baths) that are specially adapted for covering, soaking, or immersing human bodies, or portions of bodies, within fluids (e.g. steam, water) or fluent materials (e.g. sand, mud) in a manner that is distinct from the common bathing process for cleaning human bodies and is intended to:

- counteract or relieve bodily pains,
- physically relax individuals,
- promote or assist healing of injured bodies or their parts, or
- restore to health, or alleviate the effects of sicknesses or other types of abnormal conditions on, bodies or their parts.

Apparatus or processes (e.g. breast baths) specially adapted for covering, soaking, or immersing only one particular part of the human body within fluids (e.g. steam, water) or fluent materials (e.g. sand, seaweed).

Articles of clothing (e.g. sweating suits for therapy) that at least partially enclose human bodies for the primary purpose of increasing the local temperature (e.g.

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insulated, include heating elements) or humidity (e.g. constructed of partially air tight material) of the portion of the human bodies covered to a point where the localized temperature or humidity is beyond the range that human beings normally consider physically comfortable (i.e. creates localized sauna-like environment) for therapy.

Specially adapted components for the above types of apparatus.

Auxiliary appliances or accessories specially adapted for use with any of the above types of apparatus or process (e.g. reflex point locators).

Other types of apparatus or processes which are not used for surgical (e.g. acupuncture devices) purposes that utilize mechanical energy directly applied to human bodies by physical contact for improving their functioning that are not specifically provided for elsewhere in another subclass.

Replace: The existing Relationships text with the following updated text.

Relationships with other classification places

When used with animals:

If an apparatus or process is usable for both humans and animals for the same purpose and in the same manner, and it is otherwise proper for this subclass, classification is made only in subclass [A61H](#). Similar devices or processes to those covered by subclass [A61H](#) that are usable exclusively for animals, or are used in animals in a different manner or for different purposes than for humans, are classified in subclass [A61D](#).

When used for physical relaxation:

Subclass [A61H](#) covers apparatus or processes that are specially adapted to physically relax or stimulate individuals due either to:

- mechanical energy being directly applied upon human body parts to cause their physical movement, or stimulation, by direct physical contact with external surfaces of the body or surfaces of naturally occurring cavities in the body (i.e. massage), or
- the calming or invigorating effects of bathing.

Subclass [A61M](#) covers devices or processes which are specially adapted to cause or precipitate a change in the state of consciousness of humans (e.g. induce sleep,

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awaken), or to increase or decrease the mental activity of humans while awake, which may also involve relaxing or stimulating individuals.

Medical Treatment:

Several subclasses provide for apparatus or processes that are used for treating humans for medical conditions. The relationship between these subclasses is as follows:

- Subclass **A61B** provides for surgical apparatus or processes in general. Subclass **A61B** also provides for surgical apparatus or processes when combined with means used for other types of treatment (e.g. therapy, massage) for medical conditions, or when the apparatus can be used both for surgery and for other types of treatment for medical conditions.
- Subclass **A61H** provides for massage, chiropractic, or physical therapy apparatus or processes used for the treatment of disease, injuries or disability (i.e. an abnormal condition of the body) by utilization of direct mechanical energy.
- Subclass **A61N** provides for apparatus or processes used for the treatment of disease, injuries or disability by utilization of forms of energy other than direct mechanical energy.

Replace: The existing Glossary of terms section with the following updated section.

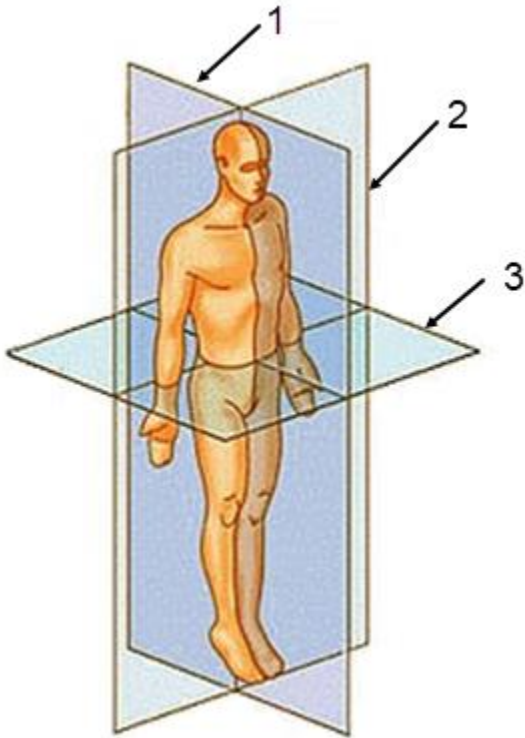
Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

therapy	any medical treatment of an abnormal condition of a human or animal body (e.g. disease, impaired organ, injured limb) by means, instruments, devices, or methods that utilize forms of energy (e.g. mechanical energy) and which is not used for surgical purposes. In general, the treatment time for therapy is long-term relative to that for surgery which usually has a much more immediate effect on the body.
disabled person	a human being that is unable to do a basic physical task (e.g. walking) without assistance due to a physical or mental impairment/condition.
patient	a human being awaiting or undergoing any form of (a) medical care (e.g. testing) or treatment by medical staff (e.g. doctors, dentists, midwives,

	chiropractors) or (b) physical tending (e.g. feeding) by care providers (e.g. hospice or nursing home staff) due to impairment.
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BODY PLANES



The figure above illustrates the following body planes:

1. Sagittal plane
2. Coronal plane
3. Transverse plane

The body-symmetrical plane is also called the midsagittal plane or median plane.

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A61H 1/00

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Apparatus and processes intended to facilitate the healing of diseases, promote or assist normal operation of a malfunctioning body part, reduce the impact of injuries, or beneficially influence the condition of disabled body parts either by the physical movement of body parts, e.g. devices for exercising a passive body member, or other types of physical stimulation, e.g. pressure or blows on a part of the skeletal structure or vibration on the body.

Vibrating apparatus for passive exercising of major parts of the body.

Insert: The following new Relationships section.

Relationships with other classification places

This group covers vibrating apparatuses for major parts of the body. Punctual or localized massage is classified in A61H 23/00.

This group covers passive exercise. Active exercise must be classified in [A63B 21/00](#) - [A63B 24/00](#).

Orthopaedic methods or devices for long-term immobilisation or treatment of broken or deformed bones are classified in [A61F 5/00](#).

References

Delete: The following reference from the Limiting references table.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Percussion or vibration massaging means	A61H 23/00
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Delete: The entire Informative references section.

Replace: The existing Special rules with the following updated statement.

Special rules of classification

For additional information the orthogonal classification ([A61H 2201/00](#) - [A61H 2230/00](#)) is used.

Insert: The following new Glossary of terms.

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

passive exercise	exercise where the targeted muscles are inactive during exercise (e.g. stretching).
active exercise	exercise where the targeted muscles are active during exercise (e.g. cardiovascular exercise, anaerobic exercise).

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References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Support for the device incorporated in furniture	A61H2201/0138
Driving means	A61H2201/12
Beds specially adapted for nursing; Devices for lifting patients or disabled persons	A61G 7/00

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A61H 1/003**References**

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Artificial respiration or heart stimulation	A61H 31/00
Rocking chairs	A47C 3/02
Oscillating, balancing or vibrating mechanisms connected to the bedstead	A47C 21/006
Cradles with rocking mechanisms	A47D 9/02
Rocking chairs specially adapted for children	A47D 13/10
Devices for rocking or oscillating children's carriages	B62B 9/22

A61H 1/005**References**

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Support for the device incorporated in furniture	A61H 2201/0138
Portable apparatus	A61H 2201/0157
Size-reducing arrangements when not in use, for stowing or transport	A61H 2201/0161
Orthopaedic operating tables	A61G 13/0036
Physiotherapeutic tables, beds or platforms; Chiropractic or osteopathic tables	A61G 13/009

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Delete: The entire Special rules section.

A61H 1/006

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Chiropractic tables	A61G 13/009
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A61H 1/008

Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Apparatus for chiropractic manipulation of the body of a user for treating skeletal structure instead of tissues.

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following three new references in the Informative references table.

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Percussion or tapping massage	A61H 23/006
Elastic stockings	A61F 13/08
Elastic support stockings or elastic bandages	D10B 2509/028

A61H 1/02

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Driving means	A61H 2201/12
Driving means driven by a human being combined with active exercising of the patient and using own weight	A61H 2201/1284
Physical interface with patient	A61H 2201/16
Position of patient	A61H 2203/04
Articulating orthopaedic devices with actuating means	A61F 2005/0155
Device suitable for active or passive exercising	A63B 21/00178
Electric motor for active or passive exercising	A63B 21/0058

A61H 2001/0207

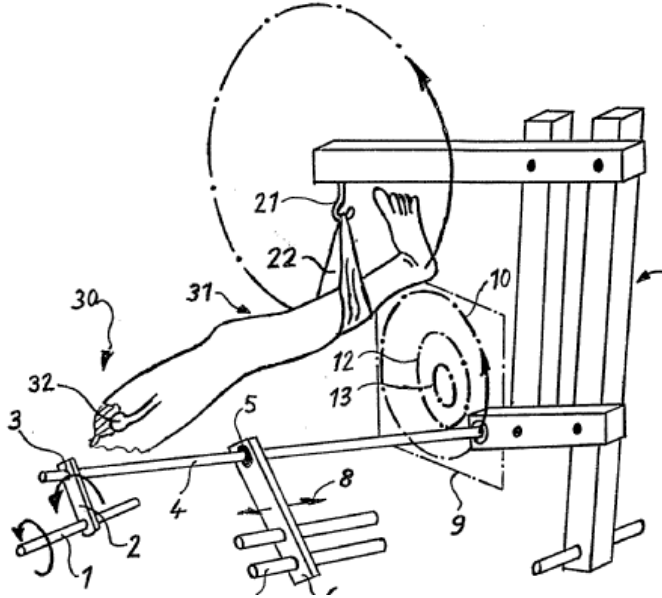
Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text, so that the revised statement appears as follows.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Axially symmetrical motion of a body part around a joint, i.e. along a conic surface.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



A61H 1/0218

References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Driving means	A61H 2201/12
Physical interface with patient	A61H 2201/16
Control means of physical therapy apparatus	A61H 2201/50
Position of patient	A61H 2203/04
Orthopaedic devices for non-surgical treatment, e.g. splints, casts or braces	A61F 5/01
Stretching fractured limbs	A61F 5/04
Interface with user for active exercising	A63B 21/40

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A61H 1/0222**References**

Insert: The following new Limiting references table.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Drawing-out devices by reducing gravity forces normally applied to the body	A61H 1/0229
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Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Moveable platforms of apparatus for passive exercising	A61H 1/005
Hanging the patient upside down or inclined downwardly	A61H 2203/0493

A61H 1/024**References**

Insert: The following new Limiting references section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Stretching or bending apparatus for both knee and hip	A61H 1/0255
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Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Physical interface for lower limbs	A61H 2201/164
Therapy devices for knee	A61H 2205/102

A61H 1/0244

References

Insert: The following new Limiting references section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Stretching or bending apparatus for both knee and hip	A61H 1/0255
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Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Physical interface for pelvis	A61H 2201/1628
Therapy devices for hip	A61H 2205/088

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A61H 1/0255

References

Replace: The existing Limiting references table with the following updated table.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Stretching or bending apparatus by rotating cycling movement	A61H 1/0214
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Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Position of the patient	A61H 2203/04
Standing-up or sitting down aids	A61G 5/14
Exercising apparatus for developing or strengthening the muscles or joints of the body by working against a counterforce, for active or passive exercising	A63B 21/00178
Assisted exercising apparatus for developing or strengthening the muscles or joints of the body by working against a counterforce	A63B 21/00181
Active exercising apparatus involving a bending of the knee and hip joints simultaneously	A63B 23/0405

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A61H 1/0262

Insert: A period at the end of the Definition statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Simulation of the walking movement, or part of it.

References

Delete: The following reference from the Limiting references table.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Walking coordination of arms and legs	A61H 2001/0211
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Insert: The following new Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Stretching or bending apparatus for walking coordination of arms and legs	A61H 2001/0211
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A61H1/0285

Insert: The following new Definition statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Stretching or bending apparatus for exercising the hand or wrist.

References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Physical interface for the hands	A61H2201/1635
Therapy devices for the hand	A61H2205/065
Exercising apparatus for active exercising of hands or fingers	A63B23/16

A61H 1/0292

References

Insert: The following new Limiting references section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Drawing-out devices	A61H 1/0218
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Informative references*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Physical interface for the back	A61H 2201/1623
Therapy devices for the back	A61H 2205/081
Exercising apparatus for active exercising of spinal column	A63B 23/0238

A61H 3/00**References**Replace: The existing Limiting references table with the following updated table.**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Apparatus for helping babies to walk	A47D 13/04
Applying electrical currents by contact electrodes for stimulating motor muscles, e.g. walking assistance	A61N 1/36003

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.**Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Stretching or bending apparatus for walking coordination of arms and legs	A61H 2001/0211
Stretching or bending apparatus for simulation of the walking movement, or part of it, of the legs	A61H 1/0262
Control means of physical therapy apparatus	A61H 2201/50
Walking sticks and Nordic walking sticks	A45B
Operating or control means for prostheses not implantable in the body	A61F 2/68
Orthopaedic devices for correcting deformities of, or supporting limbs	A61F 5/0102

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Articulating orthopaedic devices with actuating means	A61F 2005/0155
Chairs or personal conveyances specially adapted for patients or disabled persons, e.g. wheelchairs	A61G 5/00
Standing-up or sitting-down aids	A61G 5/14
Active exercise on a treadmill	A63B 22/02
Active exercise apparatus for lower limbs	A63B 23/04
Exercising apparatus for feet or toes	A63B 23/10
Training apparatus for running, jogging or speed walking	A63B 69/0028
Exoskeletons for increasing strength (not specifically for supporting disabled persons)	B25J 9/0006
Control system for manipulators, e.g. exoskeletons	B25J 9/16
Vehicles with ground-engaging propulsion means, e.g. walking members	B62D 57/02
Stairways or ramps	E04F 11/00
Program-control systems for exoskeletons, human robot interaction, extenders	G05B 2219/40305
Alarms with sensor means worn on the body to detect changes of posture, e.g. a fall, inclination, acceleration, gait	G08B 21/0446

Replace: The existing Special rules text with the following updated text.

Special rules of classification

Exoskeletons specifically made for aiding disabled persons to walk about are classified here in [A61H 3/00](#). If the exoskeleton is bending a joint (i.e. not only for supporting the weight), the joint which is moved has to be classified in [A61H 1/0237](#). The exoskeletons are normally portable ([A61H 2201/0157](#)) and wearable ([A61H 2201/165](#)).

Use breakdown codes for additional information ([A61H 2003/001](#) - [A61H 2003/007](#)).

For further additional information the orthogonal classification ([A61H 2201/00](#) - [A61H 2230/00](#)) is used.

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A61H 3/008

Insert: A period at the end of the Definition statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Devices suspending a disabled person walking or standing.

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Drawing-out devices	A61H 1/0218
Thorax holding means	A61H 2201/1621
Devices for lifting patients or disabled persons, e.g. special adaptations of hoists thereto	A61G 7/10
Body harness	A62B 5/00
Training appliances for running, jogging or speed-walking	A63B 69/0028
Training appliances with attachments on the trainee preventing falling	A63B 69/0064

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A61H3/02

References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Physical interface with hand or arm, e.g. handle	A61H 2201/1635
Walking sticks	A45B1/00
Handle constructions	B25G 1/00
Telescoping connections	F16B7/10

A61H 2003/0233

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

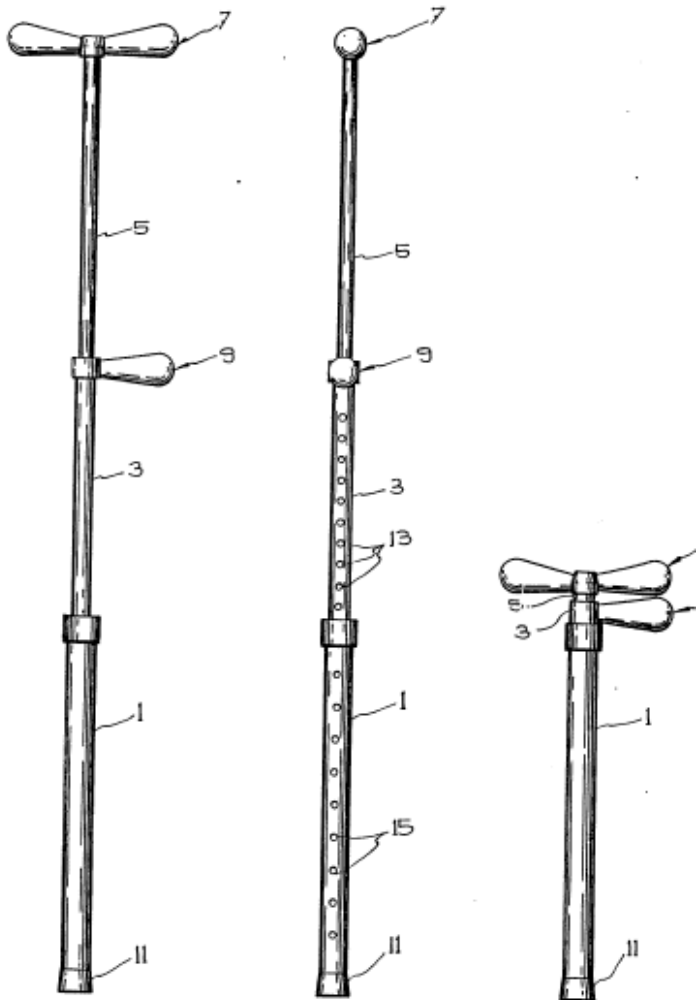
This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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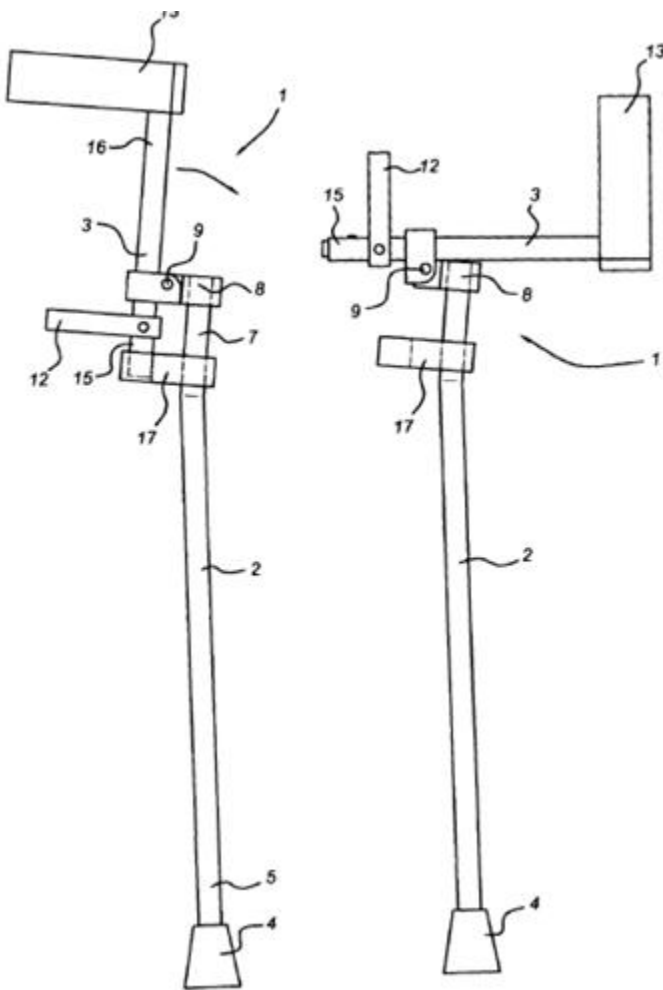
A61H 2003/0238

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



A61H 2003/0272

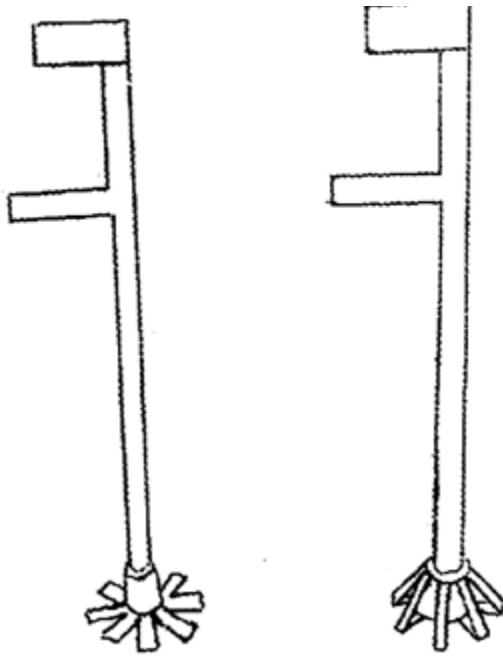
Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Keeping a single crutch upright when not in use by deployment of an additional stabilising mechanism, e.g. a retractable tripod.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Crutches with no pivoting movement during use, e.g. tripods	A61H 2003/0205
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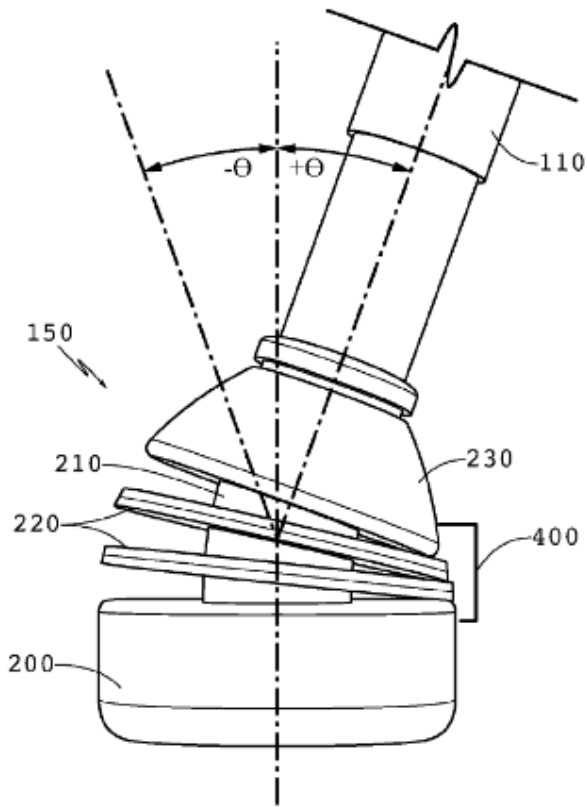
A61H 2003/0283

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



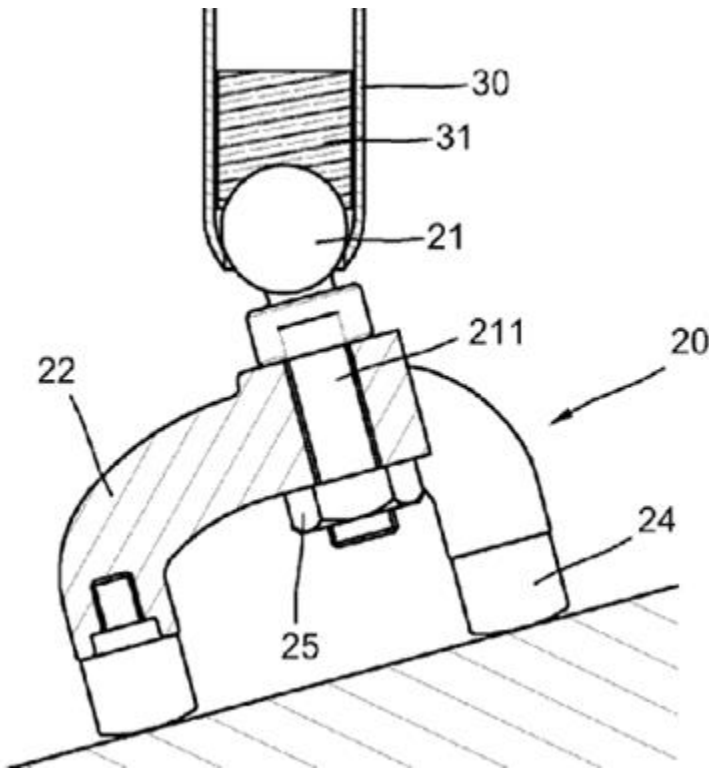
A61H 2003/0294

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



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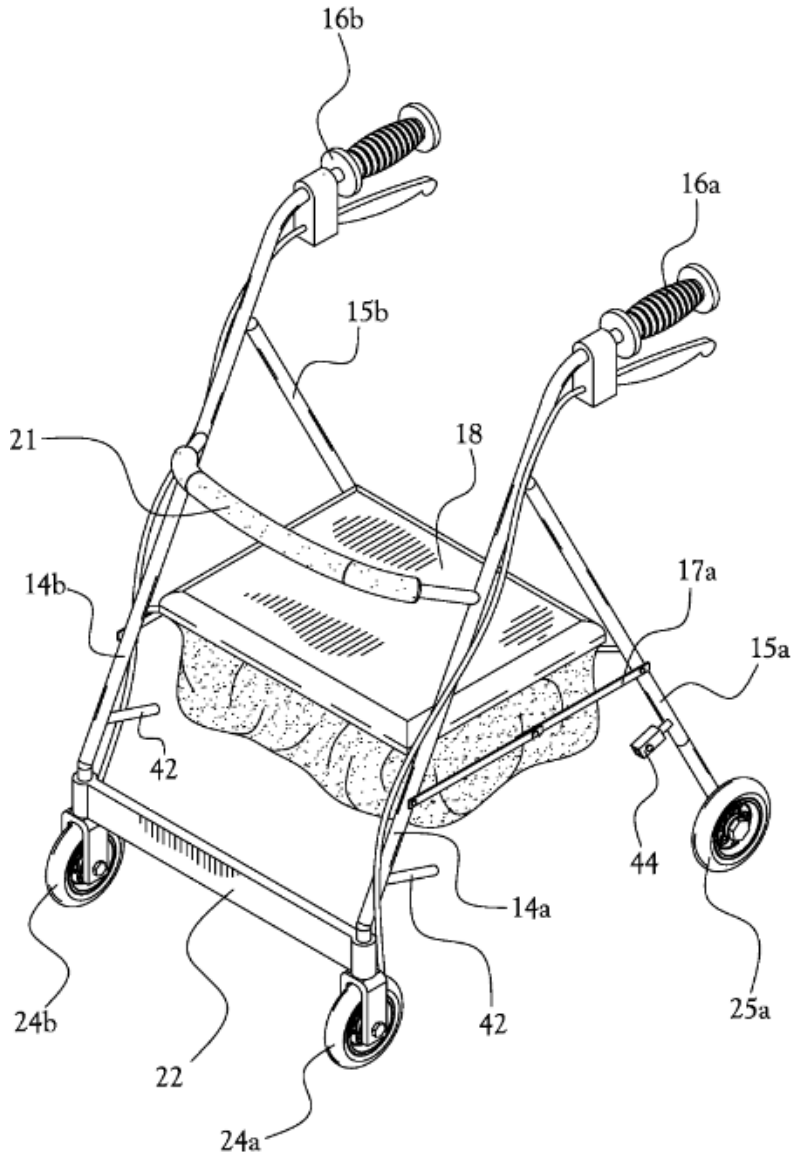
A61H 3/04

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following six new references in the Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

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Walking aids using suspension devices for supporting	A61H 3/008
Walking aids for blind persons	A61H 3/06
Seat interface for the pelvis	A61H 2201/1633
Wheelchairs	A61G 5/00
Wheeled devices for lifting patients or disabled persons	A61G 7/1046
Carriages for children	B62B 7/00

[A61H2003/043](#)

Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Wheeled walking aids for disabled persons also driven by a human, by means of a driving mechanism, not by pushing it through handles.

References

Insert: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Control of driving means for hand carts	B62B 5/0069
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[A61H2003/046](#)

References

Insert: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

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Informative references*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Braking means per se	B60T
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A61H 3/061**References**Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.**Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Systems using wave reflection for anti-collision	G01S17/93
Guiding along a path, e.g. evacuation path lighting strip	G08B7/066
Teaching or communicating with blinds	G09B21/001
Portable phone for visually impaired user	H04M1/72481

A61H3/068**References**Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.**Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Walking sticks with supporting, hanging or carrying means	A45B1/00
Walking sticks with illuminating devices	A45B 3/02
Systems using wave reflection for anti-collision	G01S17/93
Communicating with blind persons by means of audio signals	G09B21/006

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Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Apparatus or processes, not used for surgical purposes, that are specially adapted to improve or promote the optical functioning of individuals, e.g. rectify defective vision or improve the natural operation of their eyes.

References

Insert: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Optical shades, shields or obturators	G02C 7/16
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Replace: The existing Special rules text with the following updated text.

Special rules of classification

For additional information the orthogonal classification (A61H2201/00 - A61H2230/00) is used.

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References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

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Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Stereoscopic television system	H04N 13/00
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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
A61B 5/103	A61H 1/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> the existing reference symbol with A41H 1/00

NOTES:

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations **outside** of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme titles or definitions **inside** the project scope will be reflected in the “scheme change” template or one of the “definition” templates.
- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled “Referenced subclass or group to be changed,” **referenced D** symbols should indicate an action of “delete” or should indicate a replacement symbol and **referenced F** symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.