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Durable medical equipment (DME) refers to specialized equipment that is necessary for individuals with SCI to maximize their independence. DME includes wheelchairs, wheelchair cushions and accessories, positioning equipment, bath equipment, standing frames, walkers, hand splints and leg braces.

Before you purchase any equipment such as a wheelchair cushion, new wheelchair, splint or brace, it is important to be evaluated by a therapist to determine the appropriate equipment to meet your individual needs. With your therapist, you should be given an opportunity to try out various types of equipment to experiment with different fits and styles before making a decision or purchase.

When seeking out a DME vendor, it is important to look for a qualified equipment specialist who has experience with people with SCI. The vendor should have an awareness of the specific needs of individuals with SCI, and knowledge of the latest equipment options available.

If problems arise with your durable medical equipment, you should contact the vendor from whom you purchased the equipment. If your manual or electric wheelchair should need servicing, it is important to have the repairs done by a qualified equipment specialist who has experience working on custom wheelchairs.

The following is a list of durable medical equipment vendors in the Bay Area. **This list is in no way an endorsement.** As with other consumer organizations listed in this resource guide, several should be investigated before making a DME purchase.

VENDORS

Abba Medical Services, Inc.

408/371-8747

FAX: 408/371-8743

2634 Union Ave.

San Jose, CA 95124

Website: <www.abbamed.com>

- Dealer for all major brands of mobility aids
- On site repair facility
- Provides custom equipment

Brannons Medical

408/448-3000

FAX: 408/448-2076

2052 Lincoln Ave.

San Jose, CA 95125

- Rents and sell medical supplies

8. Durable Medical Equipment

American Medical and Equipment Supply, Inc.

408/559-5800

FAX: 408/559-5808

3725 Union Ave.

San Jose, CA 95124

- Full service repair department
- Custom fitted wheelchairs and seating system
- Provide evaluation equipment for therapists and clients
- Pick up and delivery available
- Member of National Registry of Rehab Technology Suppliers

Apria Healthcare, Inc.

408/432-0950

2040 Corporate Court

San Jose, CA 95131

- Durable medical equipment provider

California Rehabilitation Equipment

408/739-5750

FAX: 408/739-6408

295 E. Washington Ave.

Sunnyvale, CA 94068

Website: <www.ca-rehab.com>

- Multi-service provider
- In-house repair facility
- Rental equipment
- Special orders
- Free estimates
- Installation of home access equipment

Lincare, Inc.

408/286-1026

800/801-9001

1370 Tully Rd., Suite 504

San Jose, CA 95122

- Provide oxygen, C-packs, and wheelchairs

M & M Home Medical

408/747-0181

1237 Reamwood Ave.

Sunnyvale, CA 94088

- Medical equipment provider

8. Durable Medical Equipment

National Seating and Mobility, Inc.

408/920-0390

FAX: 408/920-0392

1226 S. Bascom Ave.

San Jose, CA 95128

- Delivers, adjusts and provides detailed training and instruction on all products
- Participates in patient and family education classes
- Member of California Association of Medical Product Sellers, National Association of Medical Product Suppliers (NAMES), NAMES-Rehab., Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America
- Custom products

Rehab Specialists, Inc.

408/298-5155

650/965-8282

FAX: 650/966-8108

2557 Wyandotte St.

Mountain View, CA 94043

Watsonville Area:

831/724-5544

FAX: 831/724-3334

446 Westridge Dr.

Watsonville, CA 95076

- Provides services and repairs at both locations
- Mobile units provide scheduled and emergency service calls
- In-home demonstrations of rehab equipment

Shield Healthcare

800/675-8840

4701 Doyle St., Suite 15

Emeryville, CA 94608

- Carry medical supplies, including disposable supplies

Western Rehab Systems

800/675-7342

1014 Broadway

Vallejo, CA 94590

- Carry medical supplies for in-home use

8. Durable Medical Equipment

Wheelchairs of Berkeley

510/549-8727

FAX: 510/540-1210

2911 Shattuck Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94705

San Francisco Area:

415/284-9424

FAX: 415/512-8845

590 Howard St.

San Francisco, CA 94105

- Customization of products
- Free pickup service and delivery
- Repair
- Demonstration equipment available

SPLINTS AND BRACES

Center for Independent Rehabilitative Services (CIRS)

408/995-0144

FAX: 408/995-5199

2211 Moorpark Ave., Suite 315

San Jose, CA 95128

- Fabricates and repairs upper and lower extremity splints and braces