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Auxiliary Means of Locomotion dispensing programme in Rio de Janeiro City

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Introduction: As a part of the attention to the individual with physical disability SMS-RJ performs a dispensing programme of Auxiliary Means of Locomotion-MAL through the Coordination of people with Physical Disability and Disorders SMS-RJ. Children, adolescents and adults are assisted and conducted by the services from the SMS-RJ itself, Municipal Department of Education (SME), Social (SMDP) and from other units of health. The criteria to include them in the Auxiliary Means of locomotion programme are: live in the Rio de Janeiro city and have a permanent disability.

Objective: To present the Dispensing Programme of Auxiliary Means of Locomotion, to report the strategies used, outcomes and evaluation of this process in the period from 2007 to 2009. To demonstrate the role of the Occupational Therapist in the programme.

Description: In 2007 a database was elaborated (Programmes Access and Excel) from the own protocol. A number of meetings occurred between the managers and the professionals of the health units (especially the occupational therapists) and the professionals from the other Municipal Departments involved with the assistance to the people with physical disability where protocol, evaluation, flux and follow up were debated.

Conclusion: Nowadays, there are 1350 individuals subscribed in the database. Among them, approximately 850 have been contemplated with a device. The database is organized and, besides a preview systemic of purchasing according to the needs, allows the dispensing respecting the order of subscription.

Contribution to the Practice: Leads to the Occupational Therapists' professional improvement:

- Skill about managing, postural adequacy and device prescription
- Patients follow up with updated social, educational and work possibilities, considering the improvements in accessibility.