

ITEMS ACCEPTED or NOT ACCEPTED

General Guideline

If you would not use an item for yourself or anyone you love, we probably cannot take them. We have to be able to make minor repairs - tighten screws, replace rubber tips on canes and crutches, etc. and to sanitize; then, have the item appear almost new.

Accepted

1. Any regular metal DME items that have a surface that can be sanitized with a solution, e.g. canes, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, bedside commodes, toilet seats, shower benches/chairs.
2. Nebulizers since they are basically an air compressor and just need the exterior cleaned. (Let Katrina know since Sally needs to be notified; doctors who treat PADC patients can use them.)
3. Orthopedic Boots and Braces that are very clean.

Not Accepted

1. Disposable items, e.g.
 - a. Urinary or bowel control products like Depends
 - b. Bed protection pads
 - c. Oxygen tubing and masks, even if never opened
 - d. Unopened syringes of any kind, whether hypodermics or ones with sterile water for respiratory use
2. Non-disposable items, e.g.
 - a. Pillows with no plastic covering
 - b. Upholstered items
3. CPAP and BiPAP machines – PADC gets more than we can use for patients without insurance. Since they have to be sanitized professionally and recalibrated, we know of no place at this time to send them.
4. Oxygen concentrator – a 4-way valve goes out most often and the oxygen saturation falls from about 90% - 60% without the patient knowing it and, therefore, compromising his/her health.
5. Anything that is obviously very old and soiled or has foreign substances (hair, mold, mildew, etc.) covering a large portion of the surface.
7. Anything that is severely cracked or rusted and may be structurally compromised or beyond basic repair.
8. Prosthetics or items fitted for a specific user.