

How to develop respiratory equipment suitable for and supporting independent living

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A primary goal of the Danish rehabilitation model is independent living and it has been examined if persons with respiratory impairments are satisfied with their equipment and its capability to support independence.

The result of the survey gave inspiration to form a multidisciplinary working group with the goal to adapt and develop respiratory equipment to meet the needs of persons living with respirators in their own private dwellings.

Methods:

Stage 1: to form a multidisciplinary working group

Stage 2: to make the dialogue within the group work creating operational proposals for improvements.

Stage 3: to examine the satisfaction with the equipment within the group of new respirator users

Step 4, to influence the producers.

A multidisciplinary working group of users and medical, technical and commercial professionals has been formed. An interdisciplinary dialogue has been established and proposals developed.

The number of Danish respirator users is too small to be a tempting market and a larger international network therefore has to be established.

Perspective: To discuss how an international network can be developed and made cooperative in creating better respiratory equipment for independent living.

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