



# MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REVISION PROGRAM

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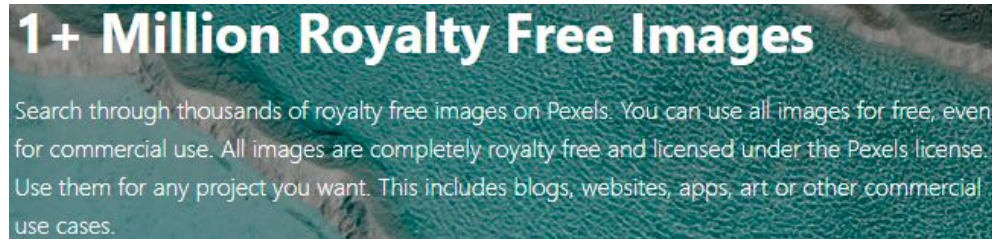
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# WHAT IS MEPP?

MEPP provides medical equipment for patients and clients in BC leaving the hospital or receiving health care services at home. *(source MEPP brochure)*

This program is for patients and clients:

- ❖ assessed by a health authority clinician and found to have an immediate, short-term equipment need for their recovery or safety at home, or to reduce caregiver injury
- ❖ living in BC
- ❖ for short term loan *(source PHSA POD)*



# WHAT IS THE SHORT HISTORY OF MEPP?

- ❖ after many years of planning it was launched provincially in June 2019
- ❖ It changed the process of accessing the Canadian Red Cross (CRC-the primary vendor) and improved access alternate vendors (health authority specific)



# HOW IS MEPP ORGANIZED PROVINCIALY?

❖ MEPP is run through health authorities:

- ❖ Interior (IHA)
- ❖ Fraser Health (FHA)
- ❖ Vancouver Coastal (VCHA)
- ❖ Vancouver Island (VIHA)
- ❖ Northern (NHA)

Two other health authorities who are involved but are not geographical locations:

- ❖ Providence Health Care (PHC)
- ❖ Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)



# WHO HAS ACCESS TO MEPP? ELIGIBILITY?

## Professionals

- ❖ Health Authority Clinicians



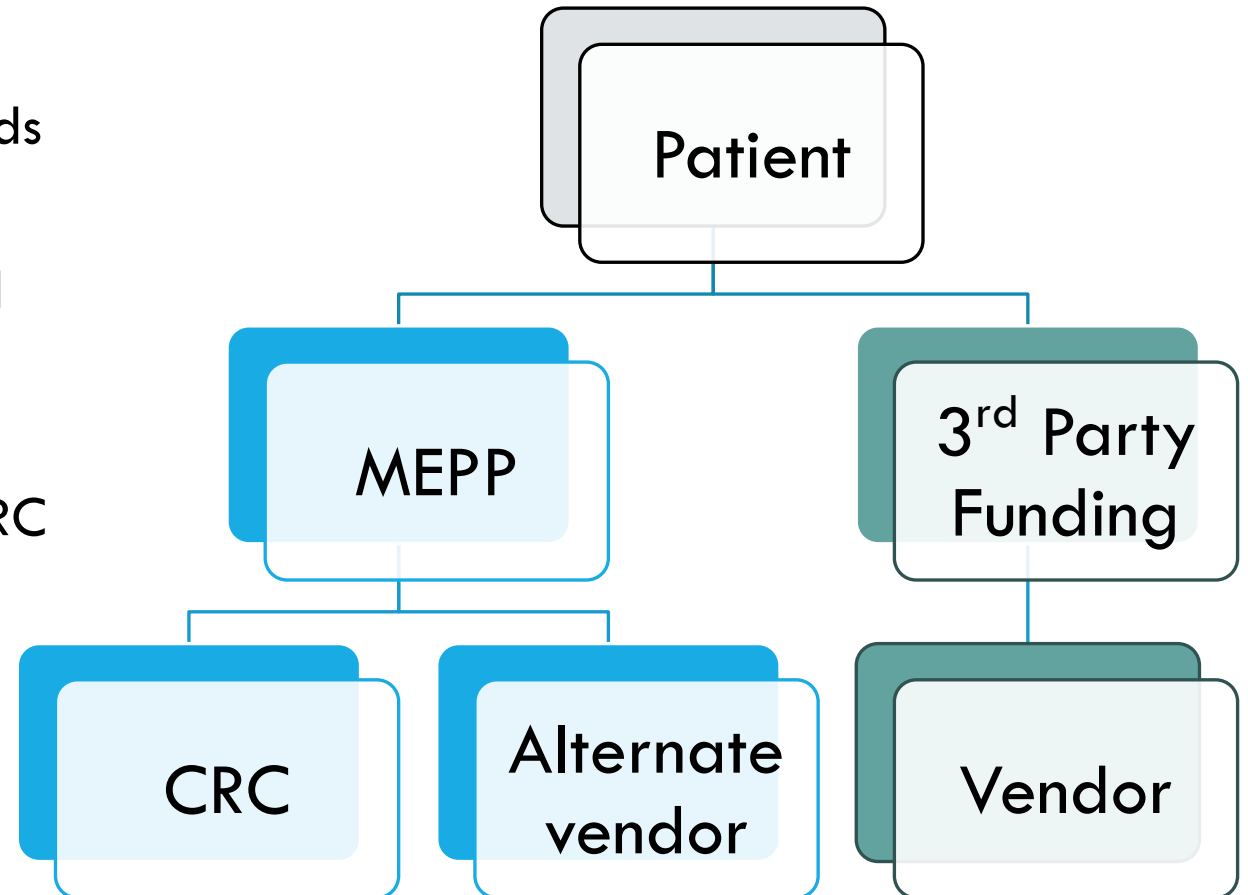
## Patients and Clients

- ❖ Adults and children
- ❖ Those who do not have access to third party (extended health care) benefits
- ❖ Persons living in BC
- ❖ For short term loan, up to 6 months
- ❖ Extensions for after 6 months are possible-made by a health authority clinician

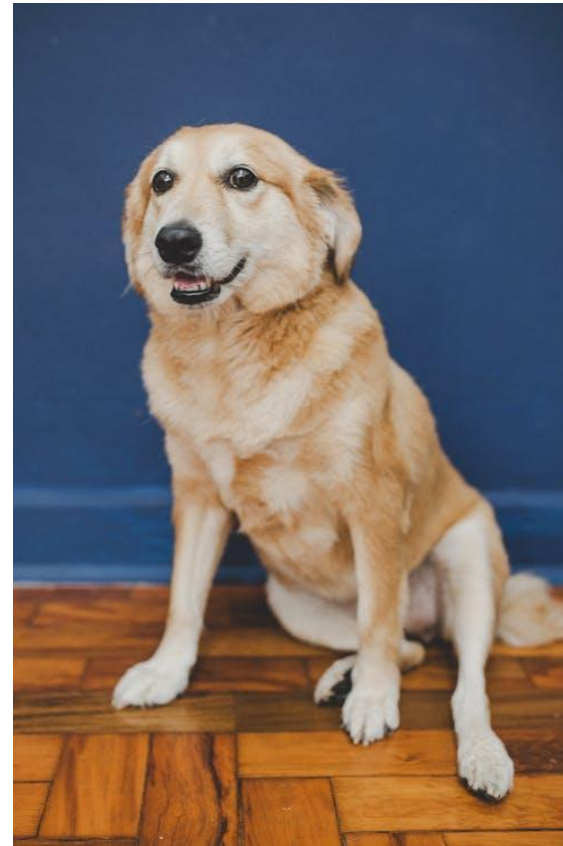
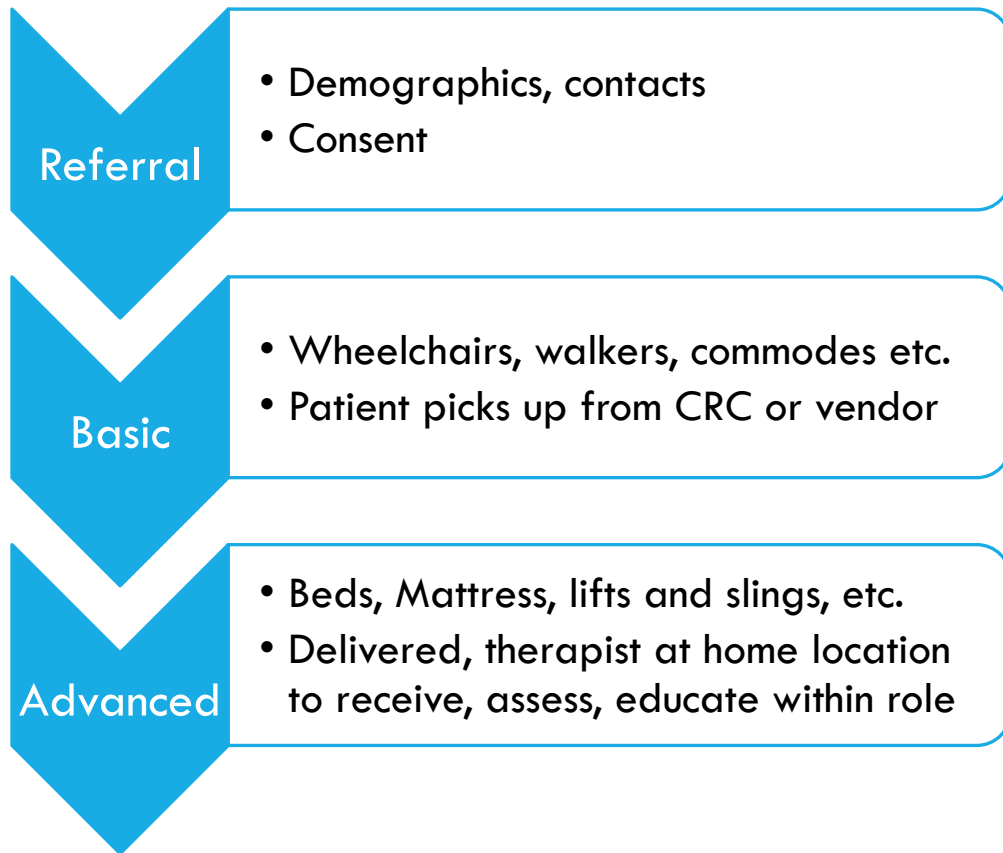


# WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF ACCESSING EQUIPMENT?

- ❖ therapists/clinicians assess patient needs and eligibility.
- ❖ 2-3 forms are filled out: REFERRAL and EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION FORM(S).
- ❖ Equipment is sourced through the CRC first, if it is not available through the CRC an alternate vendor used.
- ❖ Equipment is to be loaned from the patient's home health authority.



# FORMS?



Once equipment is sourced and a plan is in place for provision a copy of the referral and equipment forms are given to the parents and the original is kept in the patient's chart.

Each HA has their own forms. The forms are very similar, just a few regional differences.





# WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR PEDIATRIC SERVICES/DELIVERY?

- ❖ BCCH and Sunny Hill serve the whole province so interacting with all HA.
- ❖ Many pediatric therapists are not employed by a health authority.
- ❖ Rural and remote patients and therapists, home schooled children who are not connected to the school system.
- ❖ Extension when patients are long past their acute care phase are tricky.



# WHAT TO DO IF...?



- ❖ Your client is needing equipment for short term and your not a HA therapist? (Can't use this program.)
- ❖ You are helping your client plan for pre-hip or spine surgery? (Work with BCCH or SH therapists for the forms and if possible be available at the home level if needed.)
- ❖ The case is very complex? (Contact us at BCCH or reach out to your local community care therapists.)



# QUESTIONS?



Thanks for the teamwork!!!

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