

Criteria for the Provision of Electrically Propelled Indoor Wheelchairs (EPIC)

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Patients must meet all the following criteria before they can be considered to be eligible for provision of an Electrically Powered Indoor Wheelchairs.

1. - for medical reasons, be severely and permanently restricted in mobility.
2. - be unable to walk.
3. - be unable to propel a manual wheelchair indoors.
4. - have no cognitive, spatial, visual or similar impairment (e.g. poorly controlled epilepsy) which would make their use of an EPIC a danger to themselves or other people.
5. - have demonstrated in a driving test that they have the physical and intellectual capacity to control an EPIC safely and responsibly.
6. - have a residential environment compatible with the use of an EPIC, and which includes a storage area with a power supply for a battery charger.
7. - be capable of ensuring that an EPIC is maintained adequately (charging on a daily basis, battery inspections etc.) either personally or by a carer.
8. - will derive significant improvement in their independence and quality of life through the use of an EPIC.
9. - agreed that the provision may be reviewed on a regular basis.