

Development of Automatic Level Track and Height Adjustable Stretcher for Hospital Application: A Prototype Approach

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Abstract: *This paper is related to development of automatic level track and height adjustable stretcher for hospital application by prototype approach. In India mobility aids are useful for patients for transportation and a replacement for walking especially in indoor and outdoor environment. Stretchers are the most commonly used medical equipment for the transportation of patients. Transferring the patients from stretcher or to the medical bed is always an issue for the attendant or nurse during climbing inclined surface. Understanding the various issues regarding the mobility equipment and introducing a better design will be an asset for the medical field and a helping hand for disabled individuals moving on inclined surface. There is a need for a level adjusting stretcher to facilitate the disabled patient's mobility and to provide novel medical equipment for use in the Indian hospitals. Adopting various kinds of research methods helped to obtain more information about hospital mobility aids and for data collection. It has been observed that every year the numbers of disabled individuals are increasing by different kinds of accidents. The presently old stretcher designed is not meeting the user's need. From the identified need, new features like level adjustable stretcher which can be introduced.*

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