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Term	Definition	lmage
Amputation	The loss of a part of the body, for example the leg or the arm.	
Arthritis	A health problem, where a person's joints become stiff, swollen and / or painful to move.	
Cerebral palsy	A group of conditions that affect movement, muscle tone, balance and posture. Cerebral palsy is a result of damage to the brain before, during or soon after birth.	
Diabetes	A disease where sugar is high in blood. This can result in many health problems including: difficulty in feeling parts of the body (especially feet) and consequent foot wounds, gradual loss of vision, kidney damage, urinary incontinence and difficulty remembering things.	
Diabetic foot wound	Breaking of skin in the foot. Foot wounds are complication of diabetes and other health conditions that reduce the feeling in the foot. If untreated, a diabetic foot wound can lead to amputation. Diabetic foot wounds are also called foot ulcers.	
Grab bar	A fixed bar for a person to hold onto for assistance balancing or moving.	29
Fitness	Being physically strong and healthy.	
Frail/frailty	Weak, fragile and with little energy. Often occurs as people grow older and their health declines.	
Orthosis	A brace or splint that supports part of a person's body. It can help to reduce pain, assist with moving, or stop unwanted movement.	
Paralysis	Loss of ability to move a body part (usually legs or arms).	
Polio	A serious infectious disease that can cause a person's muscles to become weak or paralysed. This will affect their mobility even after they recover from the infection.	
Pressure wound	A pressure wound is a breakdown of the skin. It is usually over a bony area and is a common problem for people with problems feeling or difficulty moving and changing position.	

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Prosthesis	An artificial leg that replaces a missing body part (e.g. the leg).	
Rollator	Walker with four wheels.	
Self care	Self care means looking after oneself. TAP focuses on the self care activities a person carries out every day to look after their basic personal needs. For example: washing, going to the toilet, getting dressed, eating and drinking.	
Sensation	The ability to feel touch, pressure and pain.	
Spinal cord injury	Damage to the spinal cord, which is usually caused by an accident or illness. After a spinal cord injury, messages cannot travel along the spinal cord between the body and the brain. Often a person cannot move (is paralysed) and cannot feel below the level of the injury.	
Stroke	Blockage of blood flow in the brain. This can result in one side of the body becoming weak or paralysed, as well as problems in speaking, feeling, thinking and seeing.	
Stump	After an amputation, the part of an arm or leg that's left beyond a healthy joint is called a residual (remaining) limb, or more commonly, a stump	
Therapeutic footwear	Therapeutic footwear are shoes and insoles for people who can walk, however need to protect their feet from pressure and rubbing	
Transferring	Moving your body from one place to another.	
Weight bearing	Amount of weight that a person can put through their leg(s).	