

## ECLA EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATION

### A61H

**PHYSICAL THERAPY APPARATUS, e.g. DEVICES FOR LOCATING OR STIMULATING REFLEX POINTS IN THE BODY; ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION; MASSAGE; BATHING DEVICES FOR SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC OR HYGIENIC PURPOSES OR SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE BODY** (methods or devices enabling invalids to operate an apparatus or a device not forming part of the body [A61F4/00](#); electrotherapy, magnetotherapy, radiation therapy, ultrasound therapy [A61N](#)) [[C9604](#)]

#### **Note**

In this subclass, the following expression is used with the meaning indicated:

- "physical therapy" covers the treatment of disease or disability by means, e.g. mechanical means, as opposed to drugs or surgery. It includes, by way of example, massage, whirlpool baths or devices for exercising a passive body member.

### A61H1/00

**Apparatus for passive exercising ([A61H5/00](#) takes precedence); Vibrating apparatus [N: (driving means for vibrating [A61H23/00](#)); Chiropractic devices, e.g. body impacting devices, external devices for briefly extending or aligning unbroken bones [[M1207](#)]**

#### [N: **Notes**

This group does not cover orthopaedic methods or devices, which are covered by group [A61F5/00](#) ]

### A61H1/00C

. [N: Apparatus for applying movements to the whole body] [[N9604](#)] [[M1207](#)]

#### [N: **WARNING**

Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification, see also [A61H1/00D](#) ]

### A61H1/00C2

. . [N: Rocking or oscillating around a horizontal axis transversal to the body] [[N9604](#)]

### A61H1/00D

. [N: Moveable platform, e.g. vibrating or oscillating platform for standing, sitting, laying or kneeling] [[N1205](#)]

### A61H1/00L

. [N: Apparatus for applying pressure or blows for compressive stressing of a part of the skeletal structure, e.g. for preventing or alleviating osteoporosis]

### A61H1/00P

. [N: Apparatus for applying pressure or blows almost perpendicular to the body or limb axis, e.g. chiropractic devices for repositioning vertebrae, correcting deformation]

### A61H1/02

. Stretching or bending [N: or torsioning] apparatus for exercising

#### [N: **Note**

In this group, documents which are of interest for more than one subgroup are classified in the hierarchically higher group only, unless there is a specific group for the combination ]

### A61H1/02C

. . [N: by rotating cycling movement]

- A61H1/02D . . . [N: Drawing-out devices (suspension devices for supporting the patient in upright walking or standing position [A61H3/00H](#); orthopedic devices for non-surgical treatment [A61F5/01](#); stretching fractured limbs [A61F5/04](#))] [M1207]
- A61H1/02D1 . . . . [N: Traction tables ([A61H1/02D12](#) take precedence)] [M1207]
- A61H1/02D12 . . . . [N: by reducing gravity forces normally applied to the body, e.g. by lifting or hanging the body or part of it] [M1207]
- A61H1/02L . . . [N: for the lower limbs]
- A61H1/02L1 . . . . [N: Knee ([A61H1/02L4](#) takes precedence)]
- A61H1/02L2 . . . . [N: Hip ([A61H1/02L4](#) takes precedence)]
- A61H1/02L4 . . . . [N: Both knee and hip of a patient, e.g. in supine or sitting position, the feet being moved in a plane substantially parallel to the body-symmetrical-plane ([A61H1/02C](#) takes precedence)]
- A61H1/02L4L . . . . . [N: moved by translation]
- A61H1/02L4W . . . . . [N: Walking movement; Appliances for aiding disabled persons to walk ([A61H3/00](#) takes precedence)] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification  
]
- A61H1/02L5 . . . . [N: Foot]
- A61H1/02M . . . [N: for the upper limbs]
- A61H1/02M1 . . . . [N: Elbow]
- A61H1/02M2 . . . . [N: Shoulder]
- A61H1/02M5 . . . . [N: Hand]
- A61H1/02M5F . . . . . [N: Fingers]
- A61H1/02N . . . [N: for the spinal column ([A61H1/02D](#) takes precedence)]
- A61H1/02N2 . . . . [N: Neck]

### A61H3/00

**Appliances for aiding patients or disabled persons to walk about**(apparatus for helping babies to walk [A47D13/04](#);  
[N: orthopaedic devices for correcting deformities of, or supporting, limbs [A61F5/01D](#)]; exercising apparatus for the feet or toes [A63B23/10](#);  
[N: stairways or ramps [E04F11/00](#)]) [M1207]

- A61H3/00H . . . [N: Using suspension devices for supporting the body in an upright walking or standing position, e.g. harnesses (drawing-out devices [A61H1/02D](#))]
- A61H3/02 . . . Crutches
- A61H3/02B . . . . [N: Arrangements for storing or keeping upright when not in use] [N9702]
- A61H3/02S . . . . [N: Shock absorbers therefor] [N9807]
- A61H3/02T . . . . [N: Ferrules or tips therefor (for walking sticks or umbrellas [A45B9/04](#))]
- A61H3/04 . . . Wheeled walking aids for disabled persons[N: ([A61H3/00H](#),[A61H3/06](#)take precedence)]
- A61H3/06 . . . Walking [N: or guiding] aids for blind persons (walking sticks [N: in general] [A45B](#); replacing direct visual perception by another kind of perception [A61F9/08](#))
- A61H3/06E . . . . [N: with electronic detecting or guiding means] [N9608] [C0902]
- A61H3/06G . . . . [N: Installations on the floor, e.g. special surfaces, to guide blind persons] [N0901]

- A61H3/06S . . [N: Sticks for blind persons] [N0901]
- A61H5/00**                   **Exercisers for the eyes**
- A61H5/00S . [N: Exercisers for training the stereoscopic view] [N0901]
- Guide heading:**           **Massage (of the heart A61H31/00; accessories for massage A61H37/00; electro-medical massage devices applying electric current by contact A61N1/18)**
- A61H7/00**                   **Devices for suction-kneading massage; Devices for massaging the skin by rubbing or brushing not otherwise provided for (Electro-medical massage devices applying electric current by contact [A61N1/18](#) [N: Brushes in general A46; Bathing sponges, brushes, gloves or similar cleaning or rubbing implements not specially for massage [A47K7/02](#); Suction devices for nursing [A61M1/06](#), [A61M1/08](#); Rollers or balls therefore, [A61H15/00](#)] [M1207]**
- A61H7/00B . [N: without substantial movement between the skin and the device]
- A61H7/00D . [N: by rubbing or brushing]
- A61H7/00D2 . . [N: Hand-held or hand-driven devices]
- A61H7/00D4 . . [N: power-driven e.g. electrical]
- A61H7/00D4B . . . [N: hand-held]
- A61H7/00H . [N: Helmets for head-massage (baths for the head [A61H35/00H](#); washing, rinsing, drying [A45D](#))]
- A61H7/00K . [N: Kneading] [N0902]
- A61H7/00K2 . . [N: Suction kneading] [N0902]
- A61H9/00**                   **Pneumatic or hydraulic massage, [N: e.g. sprays ([A61H13/00](#) takes precedence; underwater massage, spraying systems acting on a body or body part immersed in water [A61H33/00](#), [A61H35/00](#); brushes with fluid supply [A46B11/00](#); nozzles per se [B05B](#))]**
- A61H9/00A . [N: Pulsating (percussion massage [A61H23/00P](#); nozzles for pulsating streams in bathing devices [A61H33/60E4S](#))] [N1205]
- A61H9/00H . [N: Hand-held devices for spraying and removing liquid while moved on the skin]
- A61H9/00H4 . . [N: Hydraulic massage] [N0902] [M1207]
- A61H9/00P . [N: Pneumatic massage] [C0902]
- A61H9/00P1 . . [N: Suction (suction kneading A61H7/00K2)] [N1205]
- A61H9/00P4 . . [N: by localized pressure, e.g. air streams or jets] [N1205]
- A61H9/00P6 . . [N: With intermittent or alternately inflated bladders or cuffs (beds with inflatable chambers [A61G7/057K](#))] [N1205]
- A61H9/00P6B . . . [N: Inflated by user's body movement, e.g. ambulatory devices] [N1205]
- A61H9/00P6C . . . [N: Cuffs therefor] [N1205]
- A61H11/00**                   **Belts, strips or combs for massage purposes**

- A61H11/02 . Massage devices with strips oscillating lengthwise
- A61H13/00 Gum massage**
- A61H13/00B . [N: Hydraulic gum massage (instruments or machines for rinsing the teeth [A61C17/02](#))]
- A61H15/00 Massage by means of rollers, balls, e.g. inflatable, chains, or roller chains**
- A61H15/00B . [N: power-driven]
- A61H15/00B2 . . [N: hand-held]
- A61H15/00C . [N: hand-held ([A61H15/00B2](#) takes precedence)]
- A61H15/02 . adapted for simultaneous treatment with light, heat or drugs
- A61H19/00 Massage for the genitals; [N: Devices for improving sexual intercourse (penis erection devices [A61F5/41](#); vibration or percussion related aspects [A61H23/00](#))] [N1205]**
- [N: **WARNING**  
Groups [A61H19/30](#) to [A61H19/50](#) do not correspond to former or current IPC groups. Concordance CPC:IPC for these groups is as follows: [A61H19/30](#) to [A61H19/50](#): [A61H19/00](#)  
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- A61H19/30 . [N: Devices for external stimulation of the genitals] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification, see also [A61H19/00](#)  
]
- A61H19/32 . . [N: for inserting the genitals therein e.g. vibrating rings for males or breast stimulating devices] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification, see also [A61H19/00](#)  
]
- A61H19/34 . . [N: For clitoral stimulation] [N1205]
- A61H19/40 . [N: Devices insertable in the genitals] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification, see also [A61H19/04D](#)  
]
- A61H19/44 . . [N: Having substantially cylindrical shape, e.g. dildos] [N1205]
- A61H19/50 . [N: Devices for use during sexual intercourse] [N1205]
- A61H21/00 Massage devices for cavities of the body [N: e.g. nose, ears and anus (for the genitals [A61H19/00](#)); Vibration or percussion related aspects [A61H23/00](#)] [N1205]**

- A61H23/00**      **Percussion or vibration massage, e.g. using supersonic vibration; Suction-vibration massage; Massage with moving diaphragms [N: (apparatus for passive exercising [A61H1/00](#); generating or transmitting mechanical vibrations in general [B06B](#))]**
- A61H23/00M**      . [N: With mechanical drive, e.g. spring mechanism or vibrating unit being hit for starting vibration and then applied to the body of a patient] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification  
]
- A61H23/00P**      . [N: Percussion or tapping massage (hand percussion [A61H23/06](#))] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification  
]
- A61H23/00S**      . [N: using shock waves]
- A61H23/02**      . with electric or magnetic drive
- A61H23/02F**      . . [N: with alternating magnetic fields producing a translating or oscillating movement]
- A61H23/02F4**      . . . [N: using sonic waves, e.g. using loudspeakers]
- A61H23/02P**      . . [N: with ultrasonic transducers, e.g. piezo-electric]
- A61H23/02R**      . . [N: with rotary motor] [C9509]
- A61H23/02R2**      . . . [N: using rotating unbalanced masses] [N9509]
- A61H23/04**      . with hydraulic or pneumatic drive [N: (Hydraulic or Pneumatic massages, A61H9/00; Underwater massages, A61H33/00)] [N1205]
- A61H23/06**      . Hand percussion [N: , i.e. Hand driven (Chiropractic devices, A61H1/00P, A61H1/00L)] [N1205]
- A61H31/00**      **Artificial respiration or heart stimulation** ([N: blood pumps [A61M1/10](#)]; artificial respiration by treatment with gas or air, e.g. mouth-to-mouth respiration [A61M16/00](#); applying electric currents by contact electrodes for stimulation, e.g. heart pace-makers [A61N1/36](#); [N: teaching or training models, rhythm indicators [G09B23/28W](#)]) [C9809]
- A61H31/00H**      . [N: Heart stimulation] [N0902]
- A61H31/00H2**      . . [N: with feedback for the user] [N0902]
- A61H31/00H4**      . . [N: Power driven] [N1205]
- A61H31/00H6**      . . [N: Manual driven] [N1205]
- A61H31/00S**      . [N: Supine patient supports or bases, e.g. improving air-way access to the lungs] [N1205]
- A61H31/02**      . "Iron-lungs", [N: i.e. involving chest expansion by applying underpressure thereon], whether or not combined with gas breathing means
- A61H33/00**      **Bathing devices for special therapeutic or hygienic purposes** ([35/00](#) takes precedence; [N: sprays acting on a body or body part not immersed in water [A61H9/00](#)];

means for washing bed-ridden persons [A61G7/00B](#)]; for subaquatic intestinal cleaning [A61M9/00](#); [N: isolation tanks [A61M21/00B](#)]; electric or magnetic baths, applying ionised fluids [A61N1/44](#); [N: heated bath tubs [F24H1/00H](#)])

- A61H33/00E . [N: Electrical circuits therefor] [N0902]
- A61H33/00N . [N: Therapeutic baths with agitated or circulated water]
- A61H33/00N6 . . [N: Water agitated by means moving in the bath, i.e. without water connections to an outside pump circuit]
- A61H33/00T . [N: Arrangements for varying the temperature of the liquid] [C9410]
- A61H33/02 . Bathing devices for use with gas-containing liquid, or liquid in which gas is led or generated, e.g. carbon dioxide baths [N: ([A61H33/60E4C](#) takes precedence)] [M1207]
- A61H33/02B . . [N: Aerating mats or frames, e.g. to be put in a bath-tub]
- A61H33/02M . . [N: Gas nozzles specially adapted therefor]
- A61H33/02N . . [N: Gas-water mixing nozzles therefor]
- A61H33/02P . . [N: Means for producing a flow of gas, e.g. blowers, compressors]
- A61H33/04 . Appliances for sand, mud or foam baths; Appliances for metal baths, e.g. using metal salt solutions
- A61H33/06 . Artificial hot-air or cold-air baths; Steam or gas baths or douches, e.g. sauna or Finnish baths ([N: artificial climate rooms [A61G10/02](#)]) [C9711]
- A61H33/06H . . [N: Heaters specifically designed therefor] [N1205]
- A61H33/06H5 . . . [N: with steam generators] [N0902]
- A61H33/06K . . [N: Cabins therefor] [N0902]
- A61H33/06K2 . . . [N: Installations for the inside of such cabins, e.g. seats] [N0902]
- A61H33/08 . . Air douches for hygienic purposes (hair-driers [A45D20/00](#); body-drying devices [A47K10/48](#); electric heating elements [H05B](#))
- A61H33/10 . . Devices on tubs for steam baths
- A61H33/12 . . Steam baths for the face
- A61H33/14 . Devices for gas baths with ozone, hydrogen, or the like (production of ozone or hydrogen [C01B](#), [C25B1/02](#))
- A61H33/60 . [N: Components specifically designed for the therapeutic baths of groups [A61H33/00](#) (plumbing [E03C1/00](#))] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Groups [A61H33/60](#) to [A61H33/60E4](#) are not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification; see the other groups of [A61H33/00](#) [N1207]  
]
- A61H33/60C . . [N: Special constructive structural details of the bathtub, e.g. of the walls or supporting structure] [N1205]
- A61H33/60E . . [N: Inlet to the bath] [N1205]
- A61H33/60E2 . . . [N: Cascade massage] [N1205]
- A61H33/60E4 . . . [N: Nozzles] [N1205]

- A61H33/60E4C . . . . [N: Nozzles in the bathtub connected to an outside pump circuit without modification of the walls] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4E . . . . [N: Extendible or retractable] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4H . . . . [N: Hand-held connected to a supply hose] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4O . . . . [N: Used also as outlet] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4P . . . . [N: With incorporated pump means] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4R . . . . [N: Having flow regulating means] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4S . . . . [N: Comprising means producing pulsating or intermittent streams (for massage, A61H9/00A)] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60E4W . . . . [N: Specifically adapted for fitting in bathtub walls] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60F . . . [N: Outlet from the bath] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60F2 . . . . [N: Intake mouths for recirculation of fluid in whirlpool baths] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60F2W . . . . [N: Combined with waste outlets] [N1205]
  - A61H33/60F4 . . . . [N: For filling to the border or edge of the bath, i.e. no border to be seen] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification  
]
- A61H33/60M . . . [N: Specific construction features for further massaging means, i.e. not for the nozzles] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification  
]
- A61H33/60M2 . . . . [N: Extending through the wall of the bathing device] [N1205]
- [N: **WARNING**  
Not complete, pending the completion of a reclassification  
]

**A61H35/00 Baths for specific parts of the body [N: (electric circuits therefor A61H33/00E; specific components therefor A61H33/60)] [N1205]**

- A61H35/00B . . [N: Breast baths]
- A61H35/00F . . [N: for the feet]
- A61H35/00H . . [N: for the head ([A61H35/02](#) and [A61H35/04](#) takes precedence)]
- A61H35/02 . . for the eyes
- A61H35/04 . . for the nose

**A61H36/00 Sweating suits**

**A61H37/00 Accessories for massage**

- A61H37/00F . . [N: Body floating supports for relaxation in water]

- A61H39/00**      **Devices for locating or stimulating specific reflex points of the body for physical therapy, e.g. acupuncture (chiropractors' instruments [A61B17/54](#); [N: for radiation therapy [A61N5/06C6](#)]) [C9908]**
- A61H39/00E**      . [N: Using electric currents (electrotherapy [A61N1/32](#))] [N1205]
- A61H39/00U**      . [N: Stimulation by mechanical vibrations, e.g. ultrasonic]
- A61H39/02**      . Devices for locating such points
- A61H39/04**      . Devices for pressing such points, e.g. Shiatsu [N: or Acupressure](Massage or pressure on general areas [A61H9/00](#) to [A61H23/00](#)) [M1207]
- A61H39/06**      . Devices for heating or cooling such points within cell-life limits (cauterisers, moxaburners, cryogenic apparatus [A61B17/36](#); heating or cooling appliances for medical treatment of general areas of the human body [A61F7/00](#))
- A61H39/08**      . Devices for applying needles to such points, i.e. for acupuncture; [N: Acupuncture needles or accessories therefor] [C0902]
- A61H39/08H**      . . [N: Needle tubes] [N0902]
- A61H39/08N**      . . [N: Acupuncture needles] [N0902]
- A61H99/00**      **Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass [N0611]**