CHALLENGES TO COMPLETING HOME ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION FOR PERSON WITH PARAPLEGIA USING WHEELCHAIR FOLLOWING REHABILITATION AT CRP

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ABSTRACT

This study examined the challenges to completing home environment modification for individuals with paraplegia using wheelchair following rehabilitation at Centre for the Rehabilitation of Paralysed (CRP). A qualitative and grounded theory study was conducted by using a semi-structured face to face interview. Purposive convenience sampling method was chosen to select the sample. Data was collected from rural community area as natural setting of participant own home environment. The study revealed that individuals with paraplegic wheelchair user faced a great extent of challenges regarding home environment modification. These challenges were also overcome more or less by individuals. However, especial consideration should undertake by occupational therapist to overcome their challenge. The findings of this study can be used to support individuals of organizations who work with disabilities in the guidance of completing home environment modification for individuals who are wheelchair bounded.

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