

SECTION A — HUMAN NECESSITIES

A61 MEDICAL OR VETERINARY SCIENCE; HYGIENE

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 (electrotherapy, magnetotherapy, radiation therapy, ultrasound therapy A61N)

Note(s)

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 and devices for exercising a passive body member.

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DEVICES FOR LOCATING OR STIMULATING REFLEX POINTS OF THE BODY.....	39/00
SUBJECT MATTER NOT PROVIDED FOR IN OTHER GROUPS OF THIS SUBCLASS.....	99/00

1/00 Apparatus for passive exercising (A61H 5/00 takes precedence); **Vibrating apparatus; Chiropractic devices, e.g. body impacting devices, external devices for briefly extending or aligning unbroken bones [2]**

Note(s)

This group does not cover orthopaedic methods or devices, which are covered by group A61F 5/00

- 1/02 • Stretching or bending apparatus for exercising

3/00 Appliances for aiding patients or disabled persons to walk about (apparatus for helping babies to walk A47D 13/04)

- 3/02 • Crutches
 3/04 • Wheeled walking aids for patients or disabled persons
 3/06 • Walking aids for blind persons (replacing direct visual perception by another kind of perception A61F 9/08)

5/00 Exercisers for the eyes

7/00 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 A61N 1/18)

9/00 Pneumatic or hydraulic massage

11/00 Belts, strips, or combs for massage purposes

- 11/02 • Massage devices with strips oscillating lengthwise

13/00 Gum massage

15/00 Massage by means of rollers, balls, e.g. inflatable, chains, or roller chains

- 15/02 • adapted for simultaneous treatment with light, heat, or drugs

19/00 Massage of the genitals

21/00 Massage devices for cavities of the body

23/00 Percussion or vibration massage, e.g. using supersonic vibration; Suction-vibration massage; Massage with moving diaphragms

- 23/02 • with electric or magnetic drive [2]
 23/04 • with hydraulic or pneumatic drive
 23/06 • Hand percussion

31/00 Artificial respiration or heart stimulation, e.g. heart massage (artificial respiration by treatment with gas or air, e.g. mouth-to-mouth respiration, A61M 16/00; applying electric currents by contact electrodes for stimulation, e.g. heart pace-makers, A61N 1/36)

- 31/02 • "Iron-lungs", whether or not combined with gas breathing means

33/00 Bathing devices for special therapeutic or hygienic purposes (A61H 35/00 takes precedence; for subaquatic intestinal cleaning A61M 9/00; electric or magnetic baths, applying ionised fluids A61N 1/44) [6]

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- 33/02 • Bathing devices for use with gas-containing liquid, or liquid in which gas is led or generated, e.g. carbon dioxide baths
- 33/04 • Appliances for sand, mud, or foam baths; Appliances for metal baths, e.g. using metal salt solutions [6]
- 33/06 • Artificial hot-air or cold-air baths; Steam or gas baths or douches, e.g. sauna or Finnish baths (pneumatic chambers A61G 10/00)
- 33/08 • • Air douches for hygienic purposes
- 33/10 • • Devices on tubs for steam baths
- 33/12 • • Steam baths for the face
- 33/14 • Devices for gas baths with ozone, hydrogen, or the like
- 35/00 **Baths for specific parts of the body, e.g. breast douches** (bidets without upward-spraying means A47K 3/26; devices for cleaning the buttocks A47K 7/08; for subaquatic intestinal cleaning A61M 9/00) [6]
- 35/02 • for the eyes [6]

- 35/04 • for the nose [6]

36/00 Sweating suits

37/00 Accessories for massage [6]

39/00 **Devices for locating or stimulating specific reflex points of the body for physical therapy, e.g. acupuncture** (locating by bioelectric signal detection A61B 5/04; locating by using electric currents or magnetic fields A61B 5/05) [2]

- 39/02 • Devices for locating such points [2]
- 39/04 • Devices for pressing such points, e.g. shiatsu [2]
- 39/06 • Devices for heating or cooling such points within cell-life limits [2]
- 39/08 • Devices for applying needles to such points, i.e. for acupuncture [2]

99/00 **Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass [2006.01]**