### Factors to Consider when Determining Appropriate DME

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<td>Can the patient learn how to use the new equipment? Decreased memory and judgement and poor safety awareness are barriers to incorporation of equipment into daily activities.</td>
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