



Summary

Rehabilitation is the utilization of the existing capabilities of the handicapped person, by the combined and coordinated use of medical, social, educational and vocational measures to the optimum level of functional ability. To complete a proper rehabilitation program, certain electrotherapy modalities are employed. Electrotherapy can be defined as the treatment of patient by electrical means. By implication this means that electrical forces are applied to the body bringing about physiological changes for therapeutic purpose. However, in addition to these external forces, electrical charges are generated within the body by normal physiological process. Between these two sets of electrical forces there will be interaction. There will also be interaction between the changes that occur as a result of the body's response to injury and any applied therapeutic agent. Electrotherapy modalities are of big help in the treatment of patients with different problems. If the modalities are well understood, there can be a wide variation in acceptable technique and treatment within the confines of safe and effective practice.