

*Sustainability statements at Arjo*

## **Animal testing**

### **Background**

Within the Medical Device industry, animal testing is occasionally required by law to evaluate the biocompatibility of a material that comes into patient contact.

### **Arjo's position**

Arjo do not conduct any animal testing ourselves and is committed to conducting biocompatibility tests using validated alternative (i.e. non-animal) test methods wherever possible. Biocompatibility tests involving animals only to take place when no alternative tests are available for the evaluation of the device safety in order comply with laws and regulations.

Any animal testing must apply the "Three R's" principle

- Replace the use of animals with alternative techniques
- Reduce the number of animals used to obtain the same level of information
- Refine the testing technique to minimise the potential distress to animals

When required to conduct a biocompatibility test involving animals, Arjo only selects test house providers that are accredited to AAALAC (Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care) to ensure animal welfare is practiced to the highest standard.

