

*Sustainability statements at Arjo*

## **Animal testing**

### **Background**

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

### **Arjo's position**

Arjo only works with limited animal testing when no alternative tests are available for the evaluation of device safety when assessing biocompatibility. Arjo is committed to the "Three R's" principle through which the use of animals is Replaced, Reduced and Refined.

- 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.

Arjo is committed to using alternative non-animal studies wherever possible.

