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*Groups of PL homeomorphisms*

Let  $PL(M, K)$  denote the group of orientation-preserving piecewise-linear self-homeomorphisms of a connected orientable PL manifold  $M$  which are pointwise fixed on the subset  $K$  of  $M$ . If  $K$  is a nonempty codimension one or zero PL submanifold, we show that  $PL(M, K)$  is locally indicable. This means that every nontrivial finitely-generated subgroup has the integers as a quotient group. By a theorem of Burns and Hale, this implies that  $PL(M, K)$  is left-orderable and consequently has no elements of finite order. This is joint work with Danny Calegari.