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"Material Science and P&O design - Maximising Patient Safety" REHABTech in the U.S.A.

REHABTech was invited by the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists to run the course "Material Science and P&O design - Maximising Patient Safety". This course is an advanced version of the Component Inspection Course and relevant aspects of the course are available to facilities within Australia. The Academy runs only two advanced training courses each year so it was a great honour to be selected.

The Course was held in collaboration with the Academy and co-sponsored by Northwestern University NUPOC.

John W. Michael (CPO) was co-presenter for the course which was held on May 3rd and 4th, 2002 at Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois) and via videoconference to REHABTech, (Melbourne, Australia).

The aim of this course was to provide prosthetic practitioners with a clear overview of the material science that governs aspects of clinical & technical principles and to give an understanding of what can go wrong and how to avoid it !

The course in the USA was exceptionally well received and some of the feedback (below) ensures that this is a course which will be taken seriously:

- Video conference was great; the best continuing education I have attended!
- More courses like it, please...--Please repeat course!
- Excellent knowledge of material and presentations....
- This has been my best meeting for practical applications....
- I would like to see more of these type programs aimed at the technician.....
- Speakers are very knowledgeable and were able to effectively communicate with us in the language of O&P that we can understand.
- This seminar advanced beyond my expectations.
- I would recommend that anyone in the P&O field attend this course, with the same instructors.
- Incredible information which is very pro-active to our needs.
- Very intense, but very appropriate and applicable.
- Great job on a lot of material in two days....They took a lot of time to answer all questions.
- This type of program is essential in our profession. We need more in-depth training at all levels.
- Excellent, engaging, knowledgeable: great clinical anecdotes and examples.
- This has been the best training course I have ever attended. More than worth the time and effort.
- It has caused me to rethink the way I do business on several aspects....
- Very practical information; will raise the professionalism of the field.
- I'll be better at what I do and my patients will be safer because of these two days.
- They made a fairly dry topic very interesting – excellent job!
- This topic needed discussion and I needed the wake-up call!

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On-line learning at REHABTech

REHABTech staff are attending training sessions on WebCT (Web Course Tools described at <http://www.its.monash.edu.au/web/webct/>) WebCT is the new Learning Management Software system being used for some subjects and units at Monash University and is also part of the distance learning P&O program of UNSW and LaTrobe. WebCT provides a range of on-line learning tools such as on-line lecture material, discussion boards, interactive quizzes, some or all of which may be used in any particular course unit. REHABTech will be looking at integrating a lot of its on-line information into these type of structures This online learning process is well suited to distance education and keeping in touch with those interested in continuing education from home.

Reprint of the Atlas of Limb Prosthetics, Second Edition

This comprehensive text on limb prostheses and amputations is now back in print, and once these copies are gone, the Atlas will remain out of print until the Third Edition becomes available sometime in 2004, probably at the time of the ISPO World Congress. You can order directly from the AAOS web site by going to this link: http://www3.aaos.org/product/prt_item.cfm?code=02610

Positions Vacant - visit our website www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech for detailed information

Prosthetic and Orthotic Clinician, NCPO

(submitted 2 May 2002)

The National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics (NCPO) seeks an experienced Orthotic/Prosthetic Clinician to promote and provide NCPO clinical services.

The position is full time fixed term and offers a remuneration package of \$58,325 to \$75,370 according to clinical experience.

Applicants should consult

<http://www.employment.com.au/latrobe/>

or contact Rod Cooper,

Head, National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics

Phone (03) 9479 5862

Email Rod.Cooper@latrobe.edu.au for a position description.

Orthotist—Children's Hospital Westmead, Sydney

Orthotist (full time) required to perform:

- patient assessments
- institute appropriate orthotic treatment
- manage and prioritise clinical load
- consult with referring medical officers and allied health staff
- attend clinics, wards and operating theatre
- fabrication and fitting of orthotic and related devices

Essential: Diploma/Degree of Applied Science in Orthotics/Prosthetics or equivalent.

Desirable: Experience working with babies and children.

Experience with lower limb orthotic management (or willing to learn). Effective written and oral communication skills. Ability to work to deadlines. Graduates are encouraged to apply.

For further information contact:

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COMING EVENTS

20–22 June, 2002	ISPO ASM — Rydges Plaza, Alice Springs contact Network PR Tele: (08) 8376 6061 asjf@ozemail.com.au
14–17 August, 2002	Prosthetic & Orthotic Educators Meeting Contact School of Health Sciences, Jonkoping University, Email: gunnel.hillden@hhj.hj.se
10–11 October, 2002	International Symposium on Stroke Rehabilitation Contact Diff'rent Strokes Symposium Secretariat, PO Box 6129, Halifax Street, Adelaide SA 5000. Tele: (08) 8227 0252 Fax: (08) 8227 0251 Email: strokes@sapro.com.au

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