

# TechLINK

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## Amputee Awareness Day—Friday, 11 June

A free *Internet Seminar for Health Professionals* will be run in the Conference Room at **REHABTech** from 3–4pm. Please rsvp as places are limited. Afternoon tea provided.

### Orthotic Guide on WWW



The Orthotic *TechGUIDE* now available at <http://www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech/pub/techgui.htm>. This is an interactive version with the same search and find features as the other online *TechGUIDEs*.

The original work on the Orthotic *TechGUIDE* was carried out by Steve Kelly as part of the annual senior orthotist/prosthetist research position at **REHABTech**. The *TechGUIDE* has several categories—•Lower limb •Upper limb •Spinal orthotics •Paediatric orthotics. In all, over 1100 components are listed, with over 26,000 pieces of information included to enable orthotists to provide a quality approach to patient management.

Components include modular, conventional and kit systems used in the manufacture of bespoke orthotic devices. Complete orthoses are also covered.

All *TechGUIDEs* on the WWW, are updated as soon as new information or components come to our attention.

### An Update On Diabetes & The Insensate Foot

The Amputee Special Interest Group and Caulfield General Medical Centre invite medical, nursing and allied health staff to a presentation on **Wednesday, 16 June** from 5.00pm to 6.30pm at **REHABTech**.

Speakers: Ms Debbie Gourlay  
(Diabetic Educator, C.G.M.C.)  
Dr Andrew Nunn  
(Head of Amputee Unit, C.G.M.C.)

A nominal fee of \$5 applies, payable on the day—refreshments provided. Contact Jane Stephens or Karen Roberts on 9276 6461 to reserve a place.

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## Invitation to National Launch

Otto Bock A'Asia Pty Ltd extend an invitation to attend the launch of their **C-Leg** — the world's first and only fully computerized prosthetic knee joint controlling stance and swing phase — on **Friday, 25 June** at the Mercure Hotel, Sydney.

Technical information on knee joint and function, fitting and alignment with client, opportunity for hands on adjustment will be incorporated in presentation.

Please contact Mark Raabe or Sally Atkin on 1800 677 471 for further information.

## Formation of New Amputee Group

The inaugural meeting earlier this year of a new amputee support group in Western Australia called **Amputees in Action** attracted a large audience including Federal politicians and Health Department representatives.

Major issues, such as information, support, lobbying and special events, have been identified. A newsletter is being created to keep interested parties informed.

Meagan Bertram, Amputees in Action, can be contacted on (08) 9446 6402 and via email: [meagan@perthpcug.org.au](mailto:meagan@perthpcug.org.au).

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### Prosthetist/Orthotist—N.T. (Senior or P2 Position)

P & O Department at Royal Darwin Hospital seek a qualified prosthetist/orthotist with several years experience. The Department services the Northern Territory and provides a unique challenge for applicants to explore their potential and apply their skills to meet a diverse range of conditions.

Contact Chris Flavell or Aaron Williams at RDH, PO Box 41326, Casuarina NT 0811 /Tele (08) 8922 8241 or by fax (08) 8922 8231.

### Locum Prosthetist/Orthotist— North Geelong

The Prosthetic and Orthotic Department at Grace McKellar Centre has a vacancy for a locum prosthetist/orthotist for a two month period, ideally to commence as soon as possible.

Duties will include all aspects of prosthetic management for amputees requiring both definitive and interim services.

Contact Phillip Francis Chief Prosthetist/Orthotist on (03) 5279 2251.

## Coming Events

11 June	National 'Amputee Awareness Day'—free seminar at <b>REHABTech</b> Open Day <b>Internet Seminar for Health Professionals 3-4pm. Please RSVP.</b>
16 June	<b>Update on Diabetes &amp; the Insensate Foot</b> —presentation at <b>REHABTech</b> from 5.00-6.30pm. <b>Please RSVP 9276 6461.</b>
25 June	<b>Update Seminar in Tasmania.</b> <i>Register your interest now to receive further information.</i>

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