

Definitions related to Amputation

BK, Connor, PTK, Chopart, Burridge, Extremity ... are common terms used by rehabilitation health professionals but are we all speaking the same language?



When is a component just not strong enough?

Join in discussions on **Tuesday, 11 October from 9.30 a.m.**

[Contact REHABTech for details of your nearest videoconference centre.]

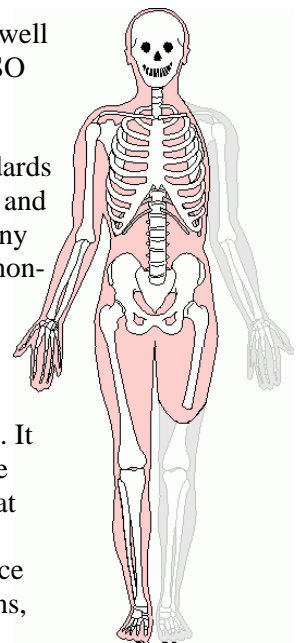
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Even when you know what *you* are talking about, there maybe others who don't know what you mean which is why in 1993 the International Standards Organisation released the standard on terminology to be used in describing amputation levels, causes of amputations as well as prosthetic and orthotic definitions (available at the ISO website).

The usage of terminology not compliant with ISO standards should be especially avoided on official documentation and record-keeping. **REHABTech** is currently upgrading many of the software packages and web pages that still have non-compliant definitions and descriptions.

REHABTech has produced a small reference document derived from ISO standards on correct terminology in relation to amputation, amputees and prosthetic devices. It provides minimum requirements when using descriptive terms and definitions and is structured in such a way that individual pages can be used for reference on a notice board, workbench or clinical environment. This reference document will be continuously updated with descriptions, measurement directions and graphics.

The aim is two-fold. To keep health professionals informed of ISO standards and encourage feedback of 'common terms' being used in the field of rehabilitation medicine. This way we are all speaking the same language...



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ISO terminology,
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COMING EVENTS

Calendar of events – now on the web – www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech

11 October, 2005	<p>Dual Issues: Amputee obesity and the current popularity of lightweight prostheses</p> <p>Videoconference presentation looking at the obesity trend and how best to manage it whilst considering safest options for the patient. Register your interest in attending with REHABTech.</p>
25 November, 2005	<p>Update Seminar: Interfacing in P & O</p> <p>Videoconference presentation of the types of systems, issues and case management data involving problematic stumps where different interfaces may have a role. Register your interest in attending with REHABTech.</p>
16–21 January, 2006	<p>Lower Limb Prosthetics Course 2006 Sydney</p> <p>Delivered over five and a half days, includes group practical workshops and tutorials Detailed instructional text provided.</p> <p>Contact: Flor Hajjar/Lorraine Jones on (02) 9382 5847</p>
20–24 February, 2006	<p>Lower Limb Prosthetics Course Melbourne 2006</p> <p>For registration information contact Kathie Vezzoso (03) 8387 2178</p>
3–7 April, 2006	<p>Clinical Management of Upper Limb Amputees Melbourne 2006</p> <p>Contact REHABTech to register interest and/or seek further details.</p>
Dates to be confirmed	<p>REHABTech Videoconference Lecture Series 2006 Register your interest in attending with REHABTech</p>
26th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charcot Foot—Orthotic management of diabetic neuropathic arthropathy
26th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stance Control Orthoses
27th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Science Behind Gel Liners
27th April, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique Upper Limb Prosthetic Cases