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Component Inspection Course

Friday, 5th October

A Prosthetic and Orthotic Component Inspection Course will begin at 8.30am and finish at 6.00pm on Friday, 5th October at **REHABTech** in Melbourne.

This Course, designed for anyone using prosthetic or orthotic components and not related solely to the 'recycling' of components, will cover quality monitoring of components and provide participants with:

- knowledge of basic structural mechanical theory
- understanding of potential failure in products
- capacity to conduct investigative tests to determine advisability of continued use of products

Applications will only be considered from those already working in the field. Registration is \$150; free to **REHABTech** supporters. Registrations close 28th September. Contact **REHABTech** for details.

Update Seminar - Brisbane (Qld)

"The stump" - layers of problems.

An analysis of the residual limb and the problems that are experienced from the skin surface to the deep tissue and bone issues and the clinical considerations that need to be taken into account. This seminar will be presented by Dr Andrew Nunn. If **REHABTech** receives interest beyond Brisbane, a Videoconference seminar will be considered before the end of the year.

ALS Managers' Industry Feedback Forum -2000

The minutes from the Industry Feedback Forum held on 1st November 2000 in Adelaide are now on the ALS Managers' website www.alsa.org.au (follow link to Industry Feedback forums). Don't forget the ALS Managers are looking for industry representatives to make regular contributions to their dialogue forum! - please contact the Secretary - ALS Managers forum.

Course: Lower Limb Orthotic Prescription via Oregon Orthotic Systems Theory

October 12-13, 2001, UNSW, Sydney,

Course presenters

Mr Kyle Scott from Oregon Orthotic Systems, USA. (keynote speaker)

Mr Darren Pereira, Chief O&P St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne,

Costs:

Orthotists only (Friday & Saturday) ISPO members - \$300.00, non-members - \$350.00
Orthotists or referrers - Friday only \$150.00.

Further Information

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/ncpo/ispo/docs/aic2001.html>

Reprise (Desperately need volunteers)

Victoria University is still requesting volunteers as research candidates for some research which requires trans tibial amputees between the ages of 18 and 35 years. If you are able to assist, please do not hesitate to contact us or Tuire Karaharju-Huisman who is the principal researcher. Tel. (03) 9248 1128 e-mail: tuire.karaharju-huisman@research.vu.edu.au

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Positions Vacant

Position: Prosthetic Technician.

A vacancy exists for a Prosthetics Technician within the Prosthetic Service at MECRS, which is the provider of Amputee Services for the regional areas of Melbourne Health, Western Health and Northern Health. **Enquiries should be directed to:-** Nicholas Freijah, Melbourne Extended Care and Rehabilitation, Poplar Road, Parkville VIC 3052 Phone: 83872288 Fax: 83872241

Two positions : Orthotist & Prosthetist/Orthotist WA

Applicants are sought for **two** positions: the Orthotist post working across the full range of adult orthotics but with an emphasis on spinal bracing and the Prosthetist/Orthotist working flexibly across the range but with an emphasis on amputee rehabilitation.

Closing date: 5 pm Friday 21st September

For Application Package please contact (08) 9224 2236 (answering machine service) and leave your contact details. Employment email:

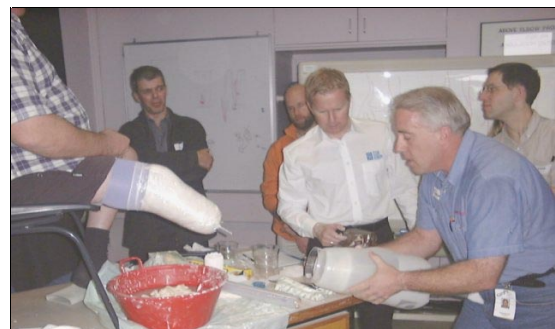
rph.employee.services@health.wa.gov.au

Enquiries should be directed to:- David Severn, Rehabilitation Technology Unit, Royal Perth Hospital Ph: (08) 9382 7399

Further information on these and other positions is available on the **JobWATCH** section of our website at www.monash.edu.au/rehabtech. If you do not have web access, please contact **REHABTech**

Ossur Academy - Trans-tibial Update Course

An illustration of using the Iceross casting method during the Ossur Academy Trans-tibial Update Course, held at **REHABTech** on Friday 3rd August 2001. A resource page for attendees is available at <http://rehabtech.eng.monash.edu.au/ossur/>



COMING EVENTS

28 th September	Closing date for registrations Component Inspection Course
1 st October, 2001	Update Seminar - Brisbane (Qld) "The stump" - layers of problems presented by Dr Andrew Nunn, Contact REHAB Tech rehab.tech@eng.monash.edu.au for information
2 nd - 4 th October 2001	Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association, ARATA, Conference. Email arata2001@im.com.au
5 th October, 2001	Component Inspection Course, Melbourne Contact REHAB Tech rehab.tech@eng.monash.edu.au for information.
12 th - 13 th October 2001	Advanced Instructional Course: Lower Limb Orthotic Prescription via Oregon Orthotic Systems Theory, UNSW http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/ncpo/ispo/docs/aic2001.html
7 th - 12 th January 2002	Lower limb Prosthetics Course 2002 Contact: UNSW Ph. (02) 9385 2756 Email i.nelmes@notes.med.unsw.edu.au
25 th February - 1 st March 2002	Lower Limb Prosthetics and Amputee Rehabilitation 2002 Contact nicholas.freijah@mh.org.au for information.
4 th - 8 th March 2002	Clinical Management of Upper Limb Amputees 2002 Contact REHAB Tech rehab.tech@eng.monash.edu.au for information.

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