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Functional deficiencies — Description
of the person to be treated with
an orthosis, clinical objectives
of treatment, and functional
requirements of the orthosis**

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Foreword

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- the terminology used in this document has been revised to make it fully consistent with the terminology used in Reference [5].

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Introduction

The quality of life of a person will depend on the health conditions which affect them, the consequential impairments to the body functions and structures, and the resulting activity limitations

The aim of orthotic treatment is to manage the impairments, reduce the activity limitations and thus improve participation in all aspects of daily life.

This document provides clinicians with a method of recording the relevant information regarding the condition of their patients, the clinical objectives of treatment and the functional requirements of the orthoses provided to achieve these objectives.

A standard method is essential for comparing the clinical practices and the outcomes of treatment provided in different centres. Such a method is also of value to epidemiologists and government health officials.

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Prosthetics and orthotics — Functional deficiencies — Description of the person to be treated with an orthosis, clinical objectives of treatment, and functional requirements of the orthosis

1 Scope

This document establishes a method of describing the person to be treated with an orthosis, the clinical objectives of treatment and the functional requirements of the orthosis.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8549-1, *Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms for external limb prostheses and external orthoses*

ISO 8549-3, *Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary — Part 3: Terms relating to external orthoses*

ISO 13404, *Prosthetics and orthotics — Categorization and description of external orthoses and orthotic components*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8549-1, ISO 8549-3 and ISO 13404 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

alignment of a skeletal segment

spatial relationship between the ends of the segment

Note 1 to entry: The alignment of a skeletal segment is determined by its integrity and/or shape.

3.2

alignment of a joint

spatial relationship between the skeletal segments which comprise the joint

Note 1 to entry: The alignment of a joint is determined by the integrity and shape of the skeletal segments of which it is comprised, and the action of associated muscular and ligamentous/capsular tissues. These factors also govern the type and range of motion at the joint.

**3.3
stability**

ability of a segment or joint to maintain its alignment when subjected to muscle forces and or external loading

Note 1 to entry: A skeletal segment or joint whose stability is impaired is said to be unstable (or exhibit instability)

**3.4
deformity**

abnormal *alignment of a skeletal segment* (3.1) or joint

**3.5
reducible deformity**

deformity (3.4) of a skeletal segment or joint for which the application of an external force system will change the alignment

**3.6
irreducible deformity**

deformity (3.4) of a skeletal segment or joint for which the application of an external force system has no effect on the abnormal alignment

4 Description of the person to be treated with an orthosis

4.1 General

Describe the person to be treated with an orthosis as specified in 4.2 to 4.6.

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4.2 Personal factors

State the person's age, gender, height, weight and side dominance.

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Describe, where relevant, the person's social and physical environments and their vocational and recreational activities.

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4.3 Health conditions to be treated with an orthosis

4.3.1 Disorders or diseases

State the diagnoses and the relevant ICD codes.

4.3.2 Impairments of body structures and functions

Describe any impairments of

- shape, alignment and dimensions of the structures (i.e. the bones, joints, muscles and tendons, ligaments, other soft tissues and segments of the trunk),
- stability and range(s) of motion of the joint(s),
- muscle strength and neuromuscular control, and
- sensation, or the presence of pain.

4.4 Other health conditions

Impairments of the following body systems and functions might influence orthotic treatment:

- a) cardiovascular;

- b) respiratory;
- c) musculoskeletal;
- d) skin;
- e) neurological;
- f) endocrine;
- g) the senses;
- h) nutrition;
- i) cognition;
- j) mental health;
- k) other systems.

State if there is an impairment of any of these which could influence the orthotic treatment, and note any other related current treatment.

4.5 Motivation and perceived needs

State the clinical impression of the person's motivation and their perceived needs.

NOTE The motivation and perceived needs of the person have a major effect upon the rehabilitation objectives. They are interdependent and are influenced by the person's clinical condition, and personality, and environmental factors.

4.6 Activity limitations

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4.6.1 General

The health condition and resulting impairments might limit the person's activities and restrict their participation.

Any activity limitations should be identified as detailed in [4.6.2](#) to [4.6.4](#).

4.6.2 Changing and maintaining body position

a) Bed mobility:

State if the person is immobile.

b) Transferring:

Describe the person's ability to transfer from

- 1) bed to chair,
- 2) sitting to standing, and
- 3) standing to sitting

as

- 1) unable to transfer, or
- 2) able to transfer with assistance from a person, and/or