
**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**

*Prothèses et orthèses — Malformations des membres — Description
de la condition de l'utilisateur d'orthèse, objectifs cliniques, et
exigences fonctionnelles et biomécaniques de l'orthèse*

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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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