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- the exclusion of wearers of the prostheses;
- inclusion of upper and lower limb prosthetic systems;
- editorial update.

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## Introduction

The terms and definitions provided in this document reflect the changes in the terminology commonly used in the field of prosthetics since the publication of the first edition of this document, i.e. ISO 8549-2:1989.

This vocabulary is intended to help practitioners describe the devices they supply in a standardized manner. It is also relevant to epidemiologists and national health officials.

See also WHO International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps, published by the World Health Organization, Geneva, 1980.

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