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## Introduction

No internationally accepted method is available to describe devices applied to the foot to address neuromusculoskeletal impairments.

This situation has created problems for practitioners prescribing these devices, for manufacturers when describing their products and for those reporting on the devices used in the treatment of their patients and their effects.

This document proposes the adoption of the term “foot orthotics” for this field of orthotic practice. It also specifies the clinical objectives for the use of these devices and describes their functions and constituent components.

Manufacturers’ trade names and details of materials and manufacturing processes have been avoided.

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