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Vocabulary —**

**Part 3:
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- *Part 1: Normal gait*
- *Part 2: Prosthetic gait*
- *Part 3: Pathological gait (excluding prosthetic gait)*

Introduction

No internationally accepted vocabulary of terms is available to describe pathological gait.

As a consequence, the members of the different professions and the clinic teams in different countries have developed and adopted their own terminology.

It will enable practitioners to systematically describe the gait of the persons for whom they are providing treatment and facilitate comparisons with the experience of other practitioners.

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