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Foreword

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- *Part 2: Terms relating to external limb prostheses and wearers of these prostheses*
- *Part 3: Terms relating to external orthoses*
- *Part 4: Terms relating to limb amputation*

Introduction

At present, no internationally accepted terminology describes the complete range of surgical limb amputation levels, amputation procedures, and persons who have had an amputation. Members of clinic teams in different countries have developed their own terminology to meet their own needs.

There is a need for a standard international system of terminology which will allow practitioners to accurately describe the surgical history of persons who have had a limb amputation(s) and to facilitate comparisons with the experience of other practitioners.

The terminology will also be of value to epidemiologists and governmental health officials.

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