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The main changes are as follows:

- the use of hyphens in anatomical terms, such as transpelvic, has been abandoned in line with other parts of the ISO 8549 series;
- the term “amputee” has been removed from the standard and replaced with “person who have had an amputation”.

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Introduction

This document provides an internationally accepted terminology which describes the full range of limb amputation levels and procedures.

This is intended for the use of all practitioners dealing with persons who have had a limb amputation to describe their clinical experiences and compare them with the experience of others.

It can also be of value to other stakeholders, including persons who have had an amputation, epidemiologists, researchers, manufacturers, and government and non-government organisations.

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