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Hong Kong Society of Certified Prosthetist-Orthotists

Scope of Practice

Certified Prosthetist / Certified Orthotist / Certified Prosthetist-Orthotist

The practice of a certified Prosthetist and/or Orthotist includes, but is not limited to:

1) Assessment of patients with impairment of human movement or musculoskeletal abnormalities that would impede their ability to participate in their social/work environment or other activities in order to determine a functional intervention. Patient assessment may include, but is not limited to, the evaluation and documentation of:

- anthropometric data
- cognition
- circulation
- skin integrity
- protective sensation
- pain
- central and peripheral nerve integrity
- endurance
- biomechanics
- gait analysis including temporal and spatial assessment
- range of motion
- muscle strength
- posture, balance and safety
- proprioception

- orthotic and/or prosthetic requirements
- myoelectric activity and potential for use of Functional Electrical Stimulation and/or Neuroprosthetics
- activities of daily living
- environmental barriers including social, home, and work reintegration
- the need for physical and occupational therapy modalities

2) Formulation of a treatment plan is based upon a comprehensive assessment to design an intervention to alleviate limitations, improve function and enhance quality of life. Orthotic and prosthetic treatment includes, but is not limited to:

- verification of prescription/documentation
- evaluation of the prescription rationale
- a recommendation incorporating patient and/or caregiver input
- development of functional goals
- use of evidence based practice
- analysis of structural and design requirements
- assessment of potential physical and occupational therapy requirements
- consultation with and/or referral to other health care professionals

3) Implementation of the orthotic and/or prosthetic treatment plan includes, but is not limited to:

- acquisition of anthropometric data
- modification and/or rectification of anthropometric data
- preparatory care
- material selection
- fabrication of orthoses and/or prostheses
- prototype development including evaluative wear
- structural evaluation
- diagnostic fitting
- assessment of intervention
- functional exercise
- gait training
- functional training (both self-care and work related)
- documentation of patient education and instruction
- supervision of the provision of care

- documentation of patient encounters
- 4) Utilization of a follow-up treatment plan that ensures successful orthotic and/or prosthetic outcomes, patient health and quality of life which includes, but is not limited to:
- documentation of patient encounters, including functional changes and progress in meeting goals and expected outcomes
 - formulation of modifications to ensure successful outcomes
 - reassessment of patient goals
 - reassessment of treatment objectives
 - development of long term treatment plan
 - documentation of on-going patient education and instruction
- 5) Compliance with practice management plans to develop and document policies and procedures to ensure patient protection which includes, but is not limited to:
- adherence to applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations
 - following patient care guidelines and procedures
 - maintaining a safe and professional environment for patient care
 - comprehension of claims development and submission
- 6) Promotion of competency and enhancement of orthotic and/or prosthetic professional practice to contribute to the profession's body of knowledge includes, but is not limited to participation in:
- continuing education
 - training of residents/students
 - clinical research
 - evidence based studies
 - promotion of public awareness of the orthotic and/or prosthetic profession
 - consumer organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations

The scope of practice document will be revised periodically, and it is the intent of HKSCPO to revise this document as the practice of prosthetics and orthotics evolves.