



Educational Support for Orthotic and Prosthetic Training Programs in Latin America and United States

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Teamwork Approach to Rehabilitation

Spring 2006	Fall 2006	Spring 2007	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Fall 2008
Biomechanics	Anatomy	Pathology	Pathology	Age relations	Fabrication

What does it take to regain a normal life?

Approach:

Research / presentation:

Patient	Physicians	Physical Therapist	O & P Professional	Business
Personal Responsibility	Access physical conditions	Assist determine the direction	Fabrication	Justification statement, medicare etc
Physical limitations	Understand pt. expectations	Patient education	Patient education (with Physical Therapist)	Financial for O&P devices based on ADL
Good working relationship	What devices are available	Planning rehab schedule	Repair and modify	Maintenance and upkeep

Field Trip / Device Fabrication



Problem



Better communication between the patient and the clinicians lead to effective care of the patient.

Definitions

Prosthesis – Artificial replacement of a missing body part

Orthosis – A device to correct improper anatomy

ADL – Activities of Daily living

QOL – Quality of Life

Transtibial – Below knee amputation

Transfemoral – Above knee amputation

Objectives

➤ Investigate the scope of practice of each relevant clinical profession involve with rehabilitation.

➤ Create case studies to illustrate a patient's experience, the treatment process, and realistic results.

➤ Create handouts, brochures, and presentations.

➤ Translate all developed materials to Spanish



Doctor
I can perform the surgery and recommend a prosthetic device

Please ease my pain
Please help me restore my daily activities



O&P Technician
I can fabricate the recommended device for you

How can I pay for these devices?



Physical Therapist
I can help reduce the pain and get you back to your activity level



Patient



Financial Representative
I can help you find funding for your device

Case Studies—Cooperation between specialists for treating:

Pediatric

Name: Miguel Alejandro Torres.

Age/ethnicity 7yrs old, Colombian

Medical History: Congenital transfemoral amputation congenital heart defect

Family Background: Native speaker of Spanish, parents have limited time to attend to child's needs

Life Expectation: wants to attend school and start playing soccer again.

Adult

Name: Leslie Johnson

Age: 30 yrs old

Medical History: IED caused a trans femoral amputation in the left leg and a trans tibial in the right.

Family Background: Lt. In the US army), married, expecting children, addicted to pain medication, PTSD, possibly suicidal

Life Expectation: capable of running, rock climbing, football, work, and go to school

Geriatric

Name: Gertrude

Age/ethnicity: 75 yr old, polish descendent from Germany

Medical History: Diabetes caused trans-tibial amputation in left leg, obesity, high BP osteoporosis, bilateral knee replacements.

Family Background: a widow with 1 daughter and 4 uncooperative sons

Life Expectation: Live the rest of her life being independent, have a high QOL, and write a cook book

Achievements

Future

Affiliations

The case studies will foster understandings of:

1. Paying for the prosthesis.
2. Capability and limitations of each clinical professional involved.
3. The patient is often plagued by multiple ailments.
4. Complications will go untreated if one clinician fails to notice, acknowledge, and communicate it to the proper clinician.

➤ Assess the costs, procurements, and insurance reimbursements of implementing prosthetic and orthotic devices.

➤ Design a business plan to sustain educational programs at Centro Don Bosco, Bogota and Joliet Junior College, IL, USA.



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