

# CURRICULUM VITAE



INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIETY FOR PROSTHETICS  
AND ORTHOTICS

*...moving beyond physical disability*

## LAURA BURGESS

ISPO POSITION TITLE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

GENERAL SECRETARY

ISPO MEMBER SOCIETY

Country: UK

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## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Physiotherapist in Vascular Services and Amputee Rehabilitation

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## BACKGROUND IN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

### Education

- Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy 1990 – St. Thomas' Hospital, London
- Worked at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust as Clinical Specialist

### Professional Experiences

A chartered physiotherapist with 24 years experience, clinical specialist in amputee rehabilitation for 22 years and with 16 years experience with vascular surgery patients. My current employer is Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust which has a regional vascular unit and has a major trauma unit. Previously I spent 5 years working at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London in amputee rehabilitation. I have undertaken research to review the physiological effects of wearing a compression shrinker on transtibial residual limbs, compression therapy methods being used by UK physiotherapists treating amputees and a review of prosthetic use 1-2 years after discharge from rehabilitation.

### Experience in Working in Organizations at National Level

Active member of the British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation (BACPAR) since 1995 and sat on the BACPAR executive committee in a regional representative role.

Member of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics since 1995 and joined the executive committee in 2000. Previously served as Honorary Secretary for many years, Chair of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics UK National Members Society 2010-13 and recently serving as Honorary Treasurer.

I have represented the North West London region on the Clinical Reference Group (CRG) for Complex Disability Equipment to advise the NHS Commissioning Board on Specialist Commissioning (including Prosthetics, Environmental Controls, Assistive Technology and Wheelchairs) for 3 years. I sit on the Prosthetics Sub Group of the CRG working on national service specifications, prosthetic policies for national implementation and a 5 year strategy for the Prosthetic service.

### Experience in Working in Organizations at International Level

Main experience to date has been with the ISPO International Executive Board since 2013. I have gained experience of the ISPO Publications Committee. I have assisted with managing the short courses including the update of Role and Responsibilities of Short Course Task Officers. I am the current Membership and Marketing committee chair and Honorary Secretary for the ISPO board

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## PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH INTERESTS/SKILLS

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My skills include pre-prosthetic and prosthetic rehabilitation of patients with lower limb loss due to vascular disease, diabetes, bone tumor and multi-trauma; rehabilitation using a wide range of prosthetic componentry including microprocessor controlled knees/ankles; physiotherapy management of vascular/diabetic patients post-surgery and those with intermittent claudication; team lead for therapists working in amputee rehabilitation; management skills with experience in service development, audit, people management/supervision and appraisal; a number of publications relating to service evaluation/audit, research on compression therapy, outcome measurement and presentations on a variety of amputee rehab related topics including joint workshops with senior prosthetists. Have held posts on many committees, gaining skills in chairing meetings/committees; administrative duties and have played a lead role in organizing scientific meetings/conferences.

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### LAST UPDATED

19/07/16