

**International Standards Organisation (ISO)**  
**Technical Committee (TC) 168**  
**Prosthetics and Orthotics**

On behalf of the Working Groups of ISO /TC 168 we would like to bring to your attention the work that the Groups have done during the past 34 years regarding standards for the field of Prosthetics and Orthotics.

This work has been focussed on two principal areas.

Firstly, the creation of uniform internationally accepted terminology to describe the processes, the personnel and the technology used within the field. The objectives of this work are to ease communications and to discourage the use of incorrect and inaccurate language.

Secondly, the development of procedures to test the structural strength of lower limb prostheses and their components and measure key performance indicators.

The objective of this work is to make it possible to describe the intended use of prosthetic componentry in relation to the activity level of the potential user

Attached to this letter you will find a short presentation explaining the structure of ISO and describing some of the activities of TC 168.

We encourage you to share this information with your members and associates in all aspects and areas of P&O practice.

You are also welcome to visit the ISO website:

<http://www.ispoint.org/iso-standards> for further information or to contact the representatives for TC 168.

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