

Energy Requirements for Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices in Research and Clinical Applications

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Overview

- What are prosthetics and orthotics?
- Current features of existing

 Prosthesis
 Orthosis
- Power requirements for prosthetics/orthotics
 O Clinical/research



What are prosthetics and orthotics?

• **Prosthetics** are interventions designed to REPLACE a part of the body that is absent, usually due to amputation, trauma or congenital deformity.

 Orthotics are interventions that are designed to RESTORE function to a part of the body that is not able through illness, trauma or congenital deformity to function properly.



Some common prostheses









Prostheses components





Limb orthoses

- Moulded interventions from a variety of materials.
- Usually patient specific, but can be generic.
- Can be used to aid daily life or for exercising.
- Function of orthoses
 - augmentation
 - training
 - dynamic correctional devices





Clinical power requirements for P&O









Research requirements





Harvesting opportunities

Thermal energy (i.e. body device interface thermal differential)

Motion energy:

Flexion & extension of components. (Hydraulic control units).

Structural deformation

Shock absorption/ dissipation





Thank you

