

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EMPLOYMENT

Commenced working in the field of Prosthetics in 1975, initially as an engineer progressing onto a four year clinical training course in Prosthetics and Orthotics, qualifying with a Higher Diploma in 1989 through the London School of Prosthetics (Roehampton) and the City of Westminster University.

I initially worked at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, fitting all levels of upper and lower extremity Prostheses for the NHS.

Other working experiences include managing a Private Patient facility for Otto Bock Healthcare in Egham, Surrey for two years (1993-1995) and working as an overseas Prosthetist / Orthotist, setting up Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation facilities and training local clinicians and educators in Russia and Kazakhstan over a three year period (1995-1998).

I commenced working in the Dorset Orthopaedic clinic, which is based in the New Forest, in August 1998 as a senior Prosthetic Consultant and took over as Clinic Manager in May 2000, becoming Director of Clinical Services in January 2004 and Managing Director in May 2013.

Responsibilities within Dorset Orthopaedic include clinical care of upper and lower limb amputees, the preparation of prosthetic expert witness reports and the overall management of the business which consists of two fully staffed private clinics (Hampshire and Staffordshire), employing seven Prosthetist / Orthotists, two physiotherapists and fifteen technicians.

The majority of my clinical time is spent assessing and fitting both upper and lower extremity amputees. Specialising in Bionics, complex cases (multi-limb loss, increased scarring etc) and paediatrics.

MEDICO-LEGAL TRAINING

- Bond Solon 'Courtroom Skills' training. London, April 1999.
- Bond Solon 'Report Writing Skills' training. London, November 1999.
- Bond Solon 'Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules / Expert Witness Update'. London, December 2009
- Bond Solon Masterclass in Expert Report Writing. London April 2016
- Bond Solon Masterclass in Courtroom Skills. London April 2016

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Preparation of full prosthetic reports including prescription, recommendations and quantum for the supply and maintenance of recommended prostheses. Most reports are 30 - 40 page documents including detailed prescription of components, residual limb (stump), gait, aims and expectations and full justification of recommendations. All reports incorporate pictures, diagrams and terminology with references to assist with the understanding for the lay-person. Currently I complete approximately 20 - 30 reports per annum. These reports are predominantly claimant-related (estimate 80%) with the remainder being a mix of defendant / joint instruction. I have attended recognised training courses in Court room skills, report writing and part 35 of the CPR and have Court Room experience.

I undertake medico-legal consultations at our Ringwood Clinic in Hampshire, through 10 Harley Street in London and at our satellite clinic in Exeter, and specialise in advanced upper limb prosthetics.

POST GRADUATE TRAINING

- University of Strathclyde Post Graduate training course. Ischial Containment Transfemoral socket techniques. Summer 1991
- Otto Bock 'C-Leg' (Computerised knee component) training course. January 1999
- Ossur 'Icex' Transtibial socket fitting technique. March 1999
- Otto Bock advanced C-Leg training course. Boston, USA, July 2003
- Otto Bock advanced Myo-Electrics training course. Egham, Surrey, December 1998
- Seattle Limbs Power Knee training course. Seattle, USA, July 1997
- Marlo Ortiz anatomical Transfemoral socket fitting techniques. January 2000
- Blatchford 'Adaptive Knee' Computer controlled knee component. January 2002
- TEC 'Harmony' Transtibial suction socket fitting technique. December 2001
- UTAH Electronic elbow / hand fitting techniques. May 2002
- Marlo Ortiz anatomical Transfemoral advanced socket fitting techniques. January 2002 (MAS Socket)
- UTAH Electronic elbow Updated training. May 2004
- TEC- 'Harmony' Transtibial fitting technique (update). January 2004
- Ossur 'Seal In' liner fitting technique. March 2003
- Ossur 'RHEO' computerised knee fitting / programming. February 2005
- BACPAR Advanced gait, amputee mobility and Sports training Bob Gailey PhD, PT Museum of Science and Industry. Manchester, April 2005
- Ossur 'Power Knee' and 'Proprio ankle' (BIONICS). October 2006
- Otto Bock Mk II C-Leg, blue tooth programming and adjustment. January 2007
- Touch Bionics i-Limb, Bionic hand technology. February 2007
- Chris Croft advanced Management training course Dec 2007
- Otto Bock Dynamic elbow (electric elbow system). Duderstadt, Germany, July 2007
- Otto Bock advanced Bionics for upper extremity amputees. Vienna, December 2009
- Otto Bock 'Genium' microprocessor controlled knee training. October 2012
- Osseo-Integration / Genium knee programming / fitting. December 2012
- Touch Bionics 'i-digits' training course. Edinburgh, January 2013
- I-Walk BIOM bionic ankle system overview April 2013
- TMR training Vienna April 2014
- Blatchfords Lynx Bionic lower limb system April 2015
- Genium and Genium X3 updates June 2015
- Touch Bionics i-Limb Revolution 'Quantum' hand awareness June 2015
- Otto Bock C-Leg v4 training September 2015
- Infinite Transfemoral socket fitting February 2016

PUBLISHED PAPERS

August 2000

- BAPO Journal (British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists) - 'Preliminary clinical experience in the UK of six Transfemoral patients fitted with the Otto Bock Microprocessor controlled C-Leg.'

June 2004

- BAPO Journal - 'Clinical evaluation of the Marlo Ortiz ischial containment socket design (MAS socket)'.

February 2012

- Personal Injury Law Journal - Advances in Prosthetic Technology.

PRESENTATIONS

- ISPO (UK) 1997 Meeting Biomechanics of the Hydraulic Total Knee.
- Royal Perth Hospital, Australia, October 1999 High definition silicone prostheses and cosmetics for upper and lower extremity prostheses.
- Boston Amputee User Group, USA, May 2002 High definition silicone cosmetics for upper and lower extremity prostheses.
- Boston, USA Amputee Coalition of America (ACA) Congress, August 2003. Silicone in Prosthetics.
- AVMA Clinical Negligence Conference, Brighton, June 2012 Recent Advances in Prosthetics.
- Dorset Orthopaedic legal training workshop May 2015, TMR and advanced upper limb Bionics
- Advances in Prosthetic and Orthotic rehabilitation Birmingham February 2016