



Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the Promotion of the Prevention of Limb Loss and of the Provision of Prosthetic, Orthotic, Wheelchair/Special Seating, Medical and other vital Rehabilitation Services to persons of all ages suffering Limb Loss and associated Complex Physical Disabilities in the United Kingdom and Internationally

JUSTINE GREENING MP

Welcomes Occupational Therapy Guidelines for Lower Limb Amputees



Justine Greening MP Putney, Roehampton and Southfields and Economic Secretary to the Treasury says: *“I know first-hand from visits to the world-renowned Roehampton Disablement Services Centre in my constituency of the skilled and caring service provided by the Occupational Therapists, and all other members of staff there, to people of all ages with limb loss. I therefore welcome this new publication and hope it reaches a wide audience”*.

Occupational Therapists provide a specialist role at all stages of rehabilitation and re-ablement of people with lower limb amputations. Working as part of a specialist multidisciplinary team and at the many stages and phases of any limb loss including pre-amputation, post amputation, pre-prosthetic and post prosthetic; the therapists' aim is to maintain or restore that individuals functional status with or without the use of prosthesis and/or other equipment allowing for greater independence.

This guidance clearly indicates how, why and when occupational therapy can improve the rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons' with lower limb amputations.

Sam Gallop CBE, double amputee and Guinea Pig says:

“There are many adults in the United Kingdom with lower limb amputations. Implementation of these evidence-based guidelines will significantly help all of them, through the work of occupational therapists as members of multi-disciplinary teams, concerned with the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and environmental needs of each individual” also adding his ***“warm congratulations to the team of authors with their colleagues in Brunel University for the rigorous and high academic quality of their research and the clarity of their presentation. They have filled a significant gap in the literature.”***



Occupational therapy with people who have had lower limb amputations

Evidence based guidelines

College of Occupational Therapists

This publication is an evidence-based resource to support occupational therapists working with adults with acquired unilateral or bilateral lower limb amputation. It provides best practice guidance for those occupational therapists currently working in this specialism, as well as offering a useful reference document for students and newly qualified occupational therapists. It can also be used to inform service users, carers and other professionals working with people with lower limb amputation about the roles and responsibilities of the occupational therapist in this clinical area.

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