



Preliminary Agenda

PRIMEFARE CENTRAL REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

October 2-3, 2026 | Tulsa, OK

Prosthetics Track Sponsored by ALPS

Prosthetics-Friday October, 2

7-8a **Breakfast, Registration Exhibit Hall**

8-10a **Advancing Function After Upper Limb Loss: The Role of Modern Myoelectric**
Prostheses

Upper extremity limb loss affects a relatively small but highly functional population, with the majority of major upper limb amputations resulting from traumatic injury. Myoelectric prostheses have transformed upper extremity rehabilitation by enabling intuitive muscle-driven control, improved functional performance, and enhanced user independence. This presentation reviews the epidemiology and etiology of upper extremity limb loss, the physical and psychosocial impacts of limb loss, and myoelectric control strategies central to modern prosthetic technology, including the Esper Hand. Particular attention will be given to the collaborative roles of the prosthetist and occupational therapist in patient selection, prosthetic fitting, training, functional integration, activities of daily living, and establishing realistic patient goals and expectations.

Clinical outcomes and case studies will be shared to highlight practical strategies for successful implementation and functional use. The presentation concludes with opportunities to improve access, interdisciplinary collaboration, function, and patient-centered outcomes in upper extremity prosthetic care.

Joshua Mullins, Vice President, U.S. Market Development, Esper

10-10:15 **Break, Exhibit Hall**

10:15-11:15 **The Growing Family of META® Feet; New Solutions for Your Patients and Practice**
Discover New Advancements Within the Evolving META Family of Prosthetic Feet
The META family is the newest line of high activity prosthetic feet by WillowWood. All
META feet

incorporate the newly enhanced META-Unibody platform in carbon - engineered to provide ultra lightweight durability and 95%+ energy return. The design delivers a smooth roll-over experience and delivers support in mid-terminal stance enhancing stability without compromising function.

Stephen Parkinson, MBA, CPO WillowWood

11:15-12:15 Kneuro: K2 Applications

This course provides training to understand why the Kneuro MPK by BrainRobotics is appropriate for K2 ambulators and how to maximize the knee for this population. It covers a review of knee, adjusting Kneuro to K2 needs, discussion on the history of MPKs and K2 patients, and provides the opportunity to practice and discuss with case presentations.

Noah Freeman, CPO, Clinical Specialist, Brain Robotics

12:15-1:15p Lunch Exhibit Hall

1:15-3:15 Avior – K2 Microprocessor Knee

This Blatchford workshop will showcase the latest microprocessor knee, the Avior, designed specifically for K2-level users. The Avior is a groundbreaking knee joint that prioritizes safety, user-friendliness, energy efficiency, and digital health outcomes, making it an ideal choice for K2 ambulators.

David K. Telford CPO, LPO, Blatchford Regional Clinical Specialist

3:15-3:45p Break Exhibit Hall

3:45-5:45p Understanding Prosthetic Foot Technology: Matching Patient Needs, Functional Goals, and Technology

Prosthetic foot selection requires more than identifying a patient's functional classification level. With a wide range of available technologies and component options, clinicians must understand how individual patient needs, functional goals, environmental demands, and physical presentation influence component selection. This course will review prosthetic foot technology across functional levels, with emphasis on K2 and K3 ambulators. Participants will examine common prosthetic foot features and associated L-code categories, including flexible keel, dynamic response, multiaxial, hydraulic ankle, vertical shock absorption, and torsional technologies. Through patient-centered examples and discussion of commercially available components, attendees will learn to translate functional demands into technology requirements and identify appropriate prosthetic foot options for individual patients. The course will also address activity-specific and specialty foot options for patients with needs beyond routine community ambulation.

Leslie Jackson, MSS, CP, Cascade

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7-8a Breakfast, Exhibit Hall

8-10a Upper Limb Prosthetics Fundamentals: From Basics to Emerging Technology
This course provides a foundational overview of upper limb prosthetics, including body-powered and myoelectric systems. Participants will gain insight into key considerations for fitting, harnessing, and component selection, along with an introduction to emerging technologies influencing patient care. Attendees will leave with increased confidence in evaluating and supporting upper limb prosthetic solutions.
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10:15-11:15 Powered Prosthetic Knee Technology in Clinical Practice: Patient Mobility, Safety, and Confidence
Using real patient videos, clinical context, and case-based discussion, the session will explore how powered prosthetic knees can assist patients during common daily activities such as walking on level ground, navigating inclines and declines, managing stairs, recovering from challenging moments in gait, and improving overall mobility confidence. The presentation will also review patient selection considerations, clinical evaluation factors, and practical implementation strategies for integrating powered knee technology into patient care.
Technologies such as the Bio Leg will be used as a clinical example to demonstrate how powered assistance can translate into functional improvements in daily life. The session is designed to be educational and clinically focused, helping O&P professionals better understand where powered knee technology fits within modern prosthetic practice.
Chad McKown, CP, National Clinical Specialist, BionicM

11:15-12:15 Management Of Individuals With Limb Loss
This session is tailored to empower clinicians with the most current, evidence-based knowledge and hands-on clinical skills for the management of individuals with limb loss. Through an exploration of best practices, participants will acquire practical techniques that can be seamlessly integrated into daily amputee care. The curriculum emphasizes real-world case discussions, interactive demonstrations, and collaborative problem-solving to enhance clinical decision-making and improve patient outcomes. Attendees will depart with actionable strategies and advanced competencies to immediately elevate the standard of care for amputee patients.
Paul Prusakowski, CPO/L, OPIE Software

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Orthotics

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8-10a Anatomy of Foot Amputation
Explores the levels of foot amputation and provides comprehensive orthotic treatment overview.
Teresa Alpert Co, C. Ped, Ex Director of Pedorthic Footcare Association

10-10:15a Break, Exhibit Hall

10:15-12:15 Advanced Clinical Competencies to Improve Orthotics Practice
This course is designed to empower practitioners with the latest evidence-based knowledge and hands-on clinical techniques for the optimal management of orthotic patients. Through a comprehensive review of current best practices, participants will gain practical skills that can be directly transferred to patient care settings. The session will focus on real-world case studies, interactive demonstrations, and problem-solving scenarios to reinforce clinical decision-making and enhance patient outcomes. Attendees will leave equipped with actionable strategies and advanced clinical competencies to immediately improve their orthotic practice.
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1:15-3:15p Creative Solutions for Complex Foot and Ankle Conditions
This presentation covers a wide variety of pathologies including Pes Cavus feet, PTTD, Charcot deformities, amputations, club feet, etc. We will explore the causes, pathology of each type and management techniques, including, shoes, foot orthoses and SCFO's as needed.
Dennis Janisse, C.Ped., National Pedorthic Services, Inc.

3:15-3:45p Break, Exhibit Hall

3:45-5:45 When The Foot Hits The Ground

In biomechanics, the ground reaction force (GRF) is the force exerted by the ground on a body in contact with it. The ground reaction coincides with the notion of a normal force. However, in a more general case the GRF will also have a component parallel to the ground, for example when the person is walking or running a motion that requires the exchange of horizontal (frictional) forces with the ground. Together we will learn and compare gait with and without foot orthoses. Explain how orthoses transfer, absorb, reload, and distribute forces. Apply evidence to common pathologies and prescriptions.

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8-10a What Brace Design is best to treat Scoliosis Advanced Methods for Better Outcomes

We will discuss and learn the most critical principles and assessments for successful correction in full-time and Nocturnal bracing applications for AIS as it pertains to the clinical setting.

David Collins, CO, Customer Relations Education Executive, Spinal Technology

10-10:15 Break, Exhibit Hall

10:15-12:15 TectusMicroprocessor-ControlledKAFO

This Blatchford workshop will focus on the Tectus, a microprocessor-controlled KAFO. During this session, we'll explore the technology behind the Tectus, explain how it operates, and share some real-world examples of its application. Also, we'll be able to provide a guide on how to cast for the Tectus, along with instructions on ordering and delivering this device for patients with lower limb weakness.

The Tectus course will examine the technology behind this microprocessor-controlled KAFO (knee-ankle-foot orthosis). It will cover the device's development, indications, and contraindications. It will also discuss patient selection and identify which patients would benefit from this orthosis. The course will also review the fitting, functioning, and programming of the orthosis, as well as the biomechanical principles behind its operation.

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7-8a Breakfast, Exhibit Hall

8-10a 2026: Facility Accreditation Standards: Covering the Changes and Your Blueprint for Compliance Excellence

Changes? Yes, there are changes! Join us for an informative session on the CMS accreditation updates and maintaining compliance with Medicare and ABC standards throughout the year. Discover effective business practices that will keep your facility and staff performing at their best, prepared to face any challenges. We will also explore how ABC's comprehensive accreditation resources can support you in achieving excellence. Join us for an educational opportunity to master the secrets of remaining compliant with Medicare and ABC standards year-round! Empower your team to reach heights of compliance excellence with best business practices that ensure you're ready for all compliance challenges.

Jim Lawson, Outreach Development Manager, ABC

10-10:15a Break, Exhibit Hall

10:15-11:15 HIPAA 2026: New Security Rule Requirements and Compliance Strategies

The proposed HIPAA Security Rule overhaul, expected to be finalized in May 2026, eliminates the "addressable vs. required" distinction and makes nearly all safeguards mandatory. This session provides O&P practices with a comprehensive roadmap for compliance with these new requirements. Participants will learn the specific steps needed to meet new mandates including:

- Technology asset inventory and network mapping
- Mandatory encryption of ePHI at rest and in transit, multi-factor authentication implementation, semi-annual vulnerability scanning and annual penetration testing
- 72-hour disaster recovery and 24-hour incident notification timelines
- Annual compliance audits

- The course covers practical implementation strategies tools for small to mid-size practices

Scott Williamson, Executive Director of Customer Experience, OPIE

**11:15-12:15
Quality Reporting**

Regulatory Compliance Roundup: Medicare Audits, Accreditation, and

This comprehensive session provides practice owners and compliance officers with a thorough understanding of current regulatory requirements and practical strategies for maintaining compliance. Participants will review 2026 updates to Medicare supplier standards, DMEPOS accreditation requirements, state licensure obligations, and payer-specific credentialing mandates. The course examines common audit triggers and prepayment review criteria, with emphasis on documentation standards that withstand scrutiny. Attendees will learn to prepare for and respond to various audit types including TPE (Targeted Probe and Educate), UPIC (Unified Program Integrity Contractor), and commercial payer audits. The session covers essential compliance program elements including policies and procedures, staff training and competency assessment, internal audit processes, corrective action plans, and fraud, waste, and abuse prevention. Participants will receive audit preparation checklists, documentation templates, and compliance calendar tools to maintain ongoing readiness. Through real-world audit case studies, attendees will learn from the successes and mistakes of other practices, ensuring they can proactively address vulnerabilities before they result in recoupments or penalties.

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Revenue Cycle Management: From Patient Registration to Payment Collection

This comprehensive session provides end-to-end revenue cycle management strategies specifically designed for orthotics and prosthetics practices. Participants will examine each phase of the revenue cycle

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Improving Documentation for Upper-Limb Prosthetic Justifications

This session will enable participants to recognize frequent denial drivers, understand how payer policies shape documentation requirements, and apply a structured framework for describing functional deficits and prosthetic justification. Attendees will also learn strategies to enhance interdisciplinary communication, resulting in clearer,

more robust clinical notes that support medical-necessity determinations and help

ensure timely access to appropriate upper-limb prosthetic technology

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8-10a Decoding the Future: What You Need to Know About New HCPCS Codes in O&P

The rapid evolution of orthotics and prosthetics has outpaced existing HCPCS Level II coding, leaving many innovative devices without accurate classification and forcing suppliers to rely on Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) codes. This presentation examines the latest coding, coverage, and payment developments shaping the O&P landscape, with a focus on CMS' recent decisions—including the establishment of HCPCS code L6700 for upper-extremity intent-decoding myoelectric control modules. Drawing from CMS' 2024–2025 rulemaking, PDAC guidance, and emerging payer trends, we outline how new technologies are evaluated, priced, and integrated into the Medicare benefit category. Attendees will learn how to navigate NOC codes, understand gap-fill and crosswalk pricing methodologies, anticipate payer adoption timelines, and build defensible documentation aligned with medical necessity standards. The session emphasizes practical strategies for coding accuracy, appeals, compliance, and payer education—empowering clinicians and suppliers to secure

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10-10:15a Break, Exhibit Hall

10:15-12:15 Practice Analytics: Using Data to Drive Better Business Decisions

This advanced session empowers practice leaders to harness the power of analytics for strategic planning and operational improvement. Participants will learn to identify, track, and analyze critical business metrics across clinical operations, financial performance, and patient satisfaction domains. The course covers practical dashboard development using tools integrated with practice management systems and key metrics.

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