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Orthotics & Prosthetics Expert Witness | Board-Certified Prosthetist & Orthotist
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Professional Profile

Board-Certified Prosthetist & Orthotist with more than 20 years of experience in clinical care, program development, and clinical leadership within prosthetics, orthotics, burn scar management, and complex DME services. Former full-time treating clinician who has personally evaluated, treated, and managed care for thousands of orthotic and prosthetic patients across pediatric, adult, and medically complex populations.

Extensive expertise in accepted standards of care, clinical decision-making, device and component selection, and long-term treatment planning. Regularly developed prosthetic and orthotic component recommendations, replacement schedules, and future care projections for patients with progressive, lifelong, or catastrophic conditions, including collaboration with Life Care Planners on orthotic and prosthetic elements of comprehensive Life Care Plans.

Former NCOPE Residency Director with responsibility for the supervision, training, and clinical evaluation of aspiring orthotists and prosthetists, and extensive experience educating clinicians, graduate students, and interdisciplinary care teams on orthotic and prosthetic standards of care.

Recognized for deep expertise in clinical documentation, medical necessity, reimbursement policy, and regulatory compliance. Well-positioned to serve as an expert witness in matters involving standard of care, scope of practice, causation, damages, billing and coding, component selection, future care needs, and clinical operations in orthotics and prosthetics. Maintains ongoing familiarity with current clinical practice through review of contemporary literature, payer policy, manufacturer specifications, consultation on complex clinical cases, and regular attendance at medical and professional conferences for continuing education and professional development, including programming focused on clinical advancements, evolving standards of care, regulatory and policy updates, and interdisciplinary best practices.

Expert Witness Role

Opinions are offered based on professional education, board certification, published standards of care, peer-reviewed literature, and more than two decades of direct clinical experience as a treating orthotist and prosthetist. Expert opinions are independent, case-specific, and rendered without regard to the identity of the

retaining party. Testimony and report preparation are distinct from any advisory or consulting services and are grounded in accepted clinical practice and standards of care.

Areas of Expert Testimony

- Orthotics & Prosthetics standards of care
- Clinical decision-making and medical necessity
- Prosthetic and orthotic design, fitting, and outcomes
- Pediatric orthotics and prosthetics
- Burn scar management and compression therapy
- Documentation, coding, and reimbursement compliance
- DMEPOS regulatory and accreditation standards
- Life Care Planning and future care projections
- Provider supervision, training, and quality assurance
- Causation, damages, and future care needs

Clinical, Teaching & Standards-of-Care Experience

President & Clinical Director / NCOPE Residency Director
Active Life | Western United States | 2004 – 2020

- Served as Clinical Director and lead treating clinician for a multi-state orthotic and prosthetic practice with 12+ clinic locations.
- Personally evaluated, treated, and managed care for thousands of orthotic and prosthetic patients across pediatric, adult, and medically complex populations.
- Specialized clinical programs included pediatrics, cranial remolding, post-mastectomy care, burn scar and compression therapy, and complex lower- and upper-extremity prosthetics.
- Developed prosthetic and orthotic component recommendations, replacement schedules, and long-term treatment plans for patients with lifelong and catastrophic conditions.
- Collaborated with Life Care Planners on orthotic and prosthetic elements of comprehensive Life Care Plans, including future device needs and anticipated functional progression.
- Served as NCOPE Residency Director, responsible for supervision, training, and competency evaluation of aspiring orthotists and prosthetists.
- Established and enforced clinical protocols, documentation standards, and quality-assurance programs aligned with ABC, Medicare, and commercial payer requirements.

- Acted as primary clinical liaison with physicians, surgeons, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and hospital systems.
- Frequently consulted on complex or disputed cases involving medical necessity, device selection, functional outcomes, and adverse patient events.

Teaching & Curriculum Development

Instructor & Curriculum Developer – Master's in Orthotics & Prosthetics Program, Loma Linda University
- Developed and delivered graduate-level coursework in orthotic and prosthetic evaluation, device selection, standards of care, and clinical documentation.
- Educated and assessed future orthotists and prosthetists on clinical reasoning, ethics, and professional standards.

Education Consultant – Allard USA
- Provided continuing education to physical and occupational therapists on lower-limb orthotics, gait mechanics, patient assessment, and interdisciplinary care.

Operational & Executive Leadership (Context for Expert Opinions)

President / Chief Executive Officer
Active Life | Western United States | 2004 – 2020

- Founded and led a multi-state orthotic and prosthetic organization with 12+ clinic locations and approximately 100 employees.
- Oversaw regulatory compliance, accreditation, clinical governance, and risk management across all locations.
- Negotiated and managed payer contracts and reimbursement policies impacting clinical care.
- Led acquisition, integration, and scaling efforts while maintaining consistent clinical standards of care.

Vice President, Payor Relations & Business Development
SuperCare Health | Western United States | 2023 – 2024

- Led payer strategy and provider network governance for large-scale DME and clinical service lines, including orthotics- and prosthetics-adjacent services.
- Interpreted and implemented payer policies governing medical necessity, utilization management, and reimbursement.
- Participated in Joint Operating Committees addressing quality of care, utilization trends, and compliance concerns.

- Gained direct insight into payer-side decision-making impacting patient access to medically necessary devices.

Vice President / Director, West Region
Ottobock Patient Care North America | 2021 – 2022

- Oversaw multi-state orthotic and prosthetic clinic operations with responsibility for clinical quality and compliance.
- Supported post-acquisition integration with emphasis on consistent standards of care and documentation practices.
- Advised executive leadership on clinical risk, adverse events, and regulatory exposure.

Advisory Experience

Principal (Advisory)
ARCLYFT Healthcare Consulting | Western United States | 2025 – Present

- Provide limited advisory services related to orthotics, prosthetics, and DMEPOS clinical operations.
- Review clinical documentation and policies for standards-of-care alignment and compliance.

Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA) – La Sierra University
Bachelor's Degree – Rice University
Certificate in Orthotics – Northwestern University
Certificate in Prosthetics – California State University, Dominguez Hills

Certifications

Board Certified Prosthetist & Orthotist (CPO02845)
American Board for Certification (ABC), 2008 – Present

Publications & Authorship

Bowen, R.E., Otsuka, N.Y., Doty, S.A. The Child with a Limb Deficiency. Chapter 29. In: Lovell and Winter's Pediatric Orthopaedics, 8th Edition. Wolters Kluwer, Philadelphia, PA.