



The British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists (BAPO) is the UK professional body. Earlier this year BAPO undertook a benchmarking study of prosthetic and orthotic provision in the UK which revealed a massive variance in clinical service models and delivery profiles. Do you have trouble in specifying or managing your orthotic or prosthetic services? We are holding a one day seminar:

THE PLACE OF ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS WITHIN THE NHS

Thursday 2 October 2008

9am-5pm

The Congress Centre,

23 – 28 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS.

This event is designed to investigate and bring forward current and future service specification standards. The aims of the seminar are to investigate and resolve the issues inherent in providing a clinical service, to enable improved patient care, greater integration and modernisation of the service and allowing trusts to develop prosthetic and orthotic (P & O) services to meet the direction and priorities of the modern NHS.

The underlying role of P & O services is to improve independence. With conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke on the increase in combination with current population growth figures, the P & O professions will have increasing demands made upon it. Therefore streamlining and modernising services is ever crucial. The P & O services have also been shown to contribute to lowering waiting times and if a holistic view is taken, these services if well specified, budgeted, commissioned and managed, can be effectively harnessed to improve patient's lives and release pressure on other departments.

All of the major shareholders of the service, the Profession, Purchasers, Department of Health, contracted service and directly employed service managers, user groups and commissioners have been invited to speak and the floor will be open to explore the development of fully integrated service specifications.

This is a four nations event and experience from all parts of the UK will be drawn together to improve your decision making in managing and developing your service specification.

Orthotic and prosthetic services are often seen as peripheral to the main direction of the National Health Service, but examples of best practice in provision within budgets will be demonstrated to enable you to improve your care to patients and reduce waiting times.

**The cost for attendance is £95 (non members), £87 (members)
which includes lunch and refreshments.**

To register interest or to book, contact

Morag Wilson at morag@bapo.com, on 0141 561 7217 or

at BAPO, Sir James Clark Building,

Abbey Mill Business Centre,

Paisley, Scotland PA1 1TJ.

**Places are limited and will be allocated on a
first come first served basis, so book early.**

www.bapo.org