



# ACPOC

Association of Children's  
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A Multidisciplinary Association for Children with Complex Musculoskeletal Conditions



# PROGRAM BOOK

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## ACPOC 2026 Annual Meeting

April 29– May 2nd

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## General Information

*The Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics provides a comprehensive resource of treatment options provided by professionals who serve children, adolescents, and young adults with various orthopaedic impairments.*

### Goals

The goal of the annual meeting is to provide a forum for the sharing of knowledge regarding the newest developments in research, equipment, observations, and treatments for children and adolescents with limb deficiencies. The meeting will also encourage and promote investigative endeavors and augment the education of personnel engaged in scientific endeavors related to the field of limb deficient patients.

### Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity participants should be able to:

- Provide a format that presents the best available knowledge in the care and treatment of children and adolescents with limb deficiencies and transition into adulthood,
- Examine the indications, techniques and results of various surgical, procedures and describe the management of children's Orthopaedic problems,
- Examine the latest prosthetic-orthotic equipment,
- Present the latest in physical and occupational therapy, rehabilitation and adaptive equipment and techniques.

### Target Audience

This activity is designed for new and established orthopaedic surgeons, pediatricians, rehabilitation physicians, nurses, orthotists, prosthetists, physical and occupational therapists, other healthcare professionals who care for children with orthopaedic or related disabilities and educators from with the US and Canada, or in practice outside the US and Canada.

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### Wednesday, April 29th

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10:00am–8:30pm **Registration**

10:45am–6:05pm **Technical Workshops**

- 10:45–11:25am **Shriners Children: Mobile Markerless Motion Capture: Expanding Access to Movement Analysis**
- 11:30am–12:15pm **SPS: Agilik™ Smart Orthosis: Clinical and Product Insights**
- 12:20–12:55pm **Ottobock: MyCRO Band and new Digital Head Measurement Report**
- 1:00–1:45pm **Orthomerica: 3D Printing Innovation in Cranial Remolding Orthoses - Clinical Outcomes with Starband 3D**
- 1:50–2:25pm **Fillauer: Exploring the World from Crawling to Play - Pediatric Feet for Every Age**
- 2:30–3:15pm **SureStep: Unlocking the Pieces: Understanding the Intersection of Torticollis and Early Childhood Development**
- 3:20–3:55pm **Becker Orthopedic: Clinical Impact of the Method TA AFO**
- 4:00–4:45pm **Invent Medical: Clinical Innovation in 3D-Printed Pediatric Orthoses: Case Studies with Piro and Talee**
- 4:50–5:25pm **Point Designs: Improving Access to Partial Hand Prosthetic Rehabilitation**
- 5:30–6:15pm **Orthopediatrics: Advancing Pediatric Solutions: From Product Innovation to Family Education**

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6:30–8:30pm **Welcome Reception with Vendors in Exhibit Hall**  
*Special Thanks to POPS Shriners!*

7:30–10:00pm **Board of Director's Meeting**

### Thursday, April 30th

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7:00–8:00am **Continental Breakfast**

7:00am–5:30pm **Registration**

8:00–8:05am **Welcome**  
**Phoebe Scott-Wyard, DO** – ACPOC President

8:05–8:10am **New Investigator Research Awards Presentation**  
**Phoebe Scott-Wyard, DO** – ACPOC President

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8:10–9:30am	<b>SESSION I – SPINE</b> Moderator: REBECCA SPRAGG, MSPO, CPO
8:10–8:30am	<b>Keynote Presentation: What's New in the Treatment of Children with Scoliosis</b> <b>Dr. Amer Samdani, MD</b>
8:30 – 8:50am	<b>Complications and Outcomes of Challenging Spine Surgeries</b> <b>Steven Hwang, MD</b>
8:50–9:00am	<b>Identifying Family Questions in Scoliosis Bracing: A Survey to Guide Patient-Centered Resources</b> <b>Kelly Moton, MSPO, CPO, Kaitlin Riverest, MSPO, CPO, and James Wynne, CPO, FAAOP</b>
9:00–9:10am	<b>I Do What I Want: Are Our Patients Adhering to Bracing Recommendations? A Prospective Cohort Study</b> <b>Colby M. Freeman, BS, Grant Hogue, MD, Megan E. Johnson, MD, and G. Ying Li, MD</b>
9:10 – 9:20am	<b>The Role of Scoliosis Specific Exercises in the Non-Operative Treatment of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: A Prospective Matched Cohort Study</b> Megan E. Johnson, MD, G. Ying Li, MD, Grant Hogue, MD, Maia D. Regan, and <b>Colby Freeman, BS</b>
9:20–9:30am	<b>Discussion</b>
9:30–10:15am	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
10:15am–12:00pm	<b>SESSION II – SURGICAL</b> Moderator: EDDIE KRISCHE, CPO, LPO
10:15–10:35am	<b>Keynote Presentation: Bad Tumor, Good Planning and Limb Salvage Alternatives</b> <b>Alexandre Arkader, MD</b>
10:35–10:45am	<b>Incidence and Risk Factors for Amputation Overgrowth in Pediatric Patients</b> <b>Colby Freeman, BS, Stone R. Streeter, BS, Caroline Kim, BS, Keith Baldwin, David A. Spiegel, Alexandre Arkader, MD and B. David Horn, MD</b>

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10:45–10:55am	<b>Congenital Chopart Amputation: A Multicenter Study on Prosthetic Usage, Associated Anomalies and Surgical Interventions</b> Dylan Kluck, MD, Caleb Pawl, MD; Andrew Schaver, MD, and Janet Walker, MD
10:55–11:05am	<b>PROMIS Evaluation of Knee Contracture Correction in Arthrogryposis by External Fixation</b> Nicholas Sinni, MPH, BS, Natalie Williams, BS, and Sarah Nossov, MD
11:05–11:15am	<b>Discussion</b>
11:15–11:25am	<b>Physical Therapy and Prosthetic Management Following Complex Pediatric Lawnmower Injury and Unique Limb Salvage Procedure</b> Domenica Platenecky, PT, DPT, PCS, and Meagan Gulmi, PT, DPT, PCS
11:25–11:35am	<b>Forefoot Narrowing Surgery in Split Foot Malformation- Predictors from a Multicenter Review</b> Janet Walker, MD, Grace Markowski, BS, MS, and David Westberry, MD
11:35–11:45am	<b>Nighttime Stretching Plantarflexion/Inversion AFOs for the Treatment of Complex Clubfoot and Vertical Talus</b> Erin Casey, CPO/LPO, and Matthew Westlake, CO/LO
11:45–11:55am	<b>Prosthesis Management of the Child with Complex Clubfoot: Bilateral Prosthesis-Hybrid Solutions for Stability and Mobility</b> Lauren Levey, MSPO, CPO, and MacKenzie Conlen, MSPO, CPO
11:55am–12:00pm	<b>Discussion</b>
12:00–1:00pm	<b>LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL</b>
12:00 – 1:00pm	<b>Student Networking Event</b>
1:00–2:45pm	<b>SESSION III- HECTOR KAY</b> Moderator: PHOEBE SCOTT-WYARD, DO
1:00–2:00pm	<b>Rewriting the SMA Story: Lessons from a Decade of Breakthrough Therapies</b> Dr. Susan Apkon
2:00–2:30 PM	<b>Psychosocial Considerations in Caring for Families with Hereditary Neuromuscular Disease</b> Laurey Brown, PT, DPT, and Sara Beyler, CO/LO

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2:30–2:40pm	<b>The Use of Hyper Selective Neurectomy to Improve Elbow Flexor Spasticity in Children with Cerebral Palsy</b> Eugene Park, MD
2:40–2:45pm	<b>Discussion</b>
2:45–3:25pm	<b>BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL</b>
3:25–5:30pm	<b>SESSION IV – CHALLENGING CASES</b> Moderator: DEANNA JEWELL, DO
3:25 – 3:35 PM	<b>Use of Custom KAFO-Prosthesis Hybrid in the Management of a Femoral Shaft Non-union Prior to Advanced Surgical Reconstruction</b> Eric Tecce, MD, Terence Ishmael, MD, and Calli Clark, CPO
3:35 – 3:50 PM	<b>From Quadriplegia to Independent Ambulation: Rehabilitation After Spinal Surgery in an Adolescent with Neuroblastoma History</b> Gabrielle Horchos, Medical Student, and Richard Goldberg, DO
3:50–4:05pm	<b>Short Limbs, Long Journey: Navigating Mobility Decisions in a Toddler with Quadruple Limb Differences</b> Domenica Platenecky, PT, DPT, PCS, and Meagan Gulmi, PT, DPT, PCS
4:05–4:20pm	<b>Double Trouble: Orthotic and Rehabilitative Management of the Conjoined Twin Population—Problem Solving in Challenging Populations</b> Lauren Levey, MSPO, CPO, and Michelle Lacroce, PT, DPT
4:20–4:30pm	<b>Discussion</b>
4:30–5:00pm	<b>Neurodiversity and Limb Difference</b> J. Michael King, MD, Roberta Ciocco, MSOTR/L, Meagan Gulmi, PT, DPT, PCS, and Domenica Platenecky, PT, DPT, PCS
5:00–5:10pm	<b>Complementary Approaches to Assessing Children with Prosthesis or Orthoprosthesis: Performance-Based (CAMP) and Patient-Reported (LIMB-Q KIDS) Outcome Measures</b> Sharon Eylon, MD, Corey Gill, MD, and Harpreet Chhina, PhD

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5:10–5:20pm	<b>Adjustable, Immediate-Fit Prostheses to Accommodate Growth in the Pediatric Population</b> Timothy Dillingham, MD, MS
5:20–5:30pm	<b>DISCUSSION and ADJOURN</b>

## Friday, May 1st

7:00–8:00am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:00am–5:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
8:00–9:10am	<b>SESSION V – MOTION ANALYSIS</b> Moderator: KELLY JEANS, MS
8:00–8:40am	<b>Motion Analysis: Beyond Gait for Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Decision-Making and Outreach Medicine in Puerto Rico</b> Robert Courter, PhD, Spencer Warshauer, MS, Ross Chafetz, PT, DPT, PhD, MPH, Sean Waldron, MD, and Jacqueline Weiss, PT, DPT
8:40–8:50am	<b>Longterm Function following Initial Nonoperative Treatment for Idiopathic Clubfoot Deformity</b> Kelly Jeans, MS, Victoria Blackwood, MS, Sara De Salvo, MD, Daniela Marletta, MD, and Anthony Riccio, MD
8:50–9:00am	<b>Lower Limb Alignment Changes Following Proximal Fibular Epiphysiodesis or Resection- A Multicenter Study</b> Lindsey Poynter, BS, Grace Markowski, BS, MS, and Janet Walker, MD
9:00–9:10am	<b>Discussion</b>
9:10–10:10am	<b>PRESIDENTIAL SPEAKER SESSION</b> Moderator: Phoebe Scott-Wyard, DO
9:10–10:10am	<b>Think Outside the Shoe</b> Jessica Cox
10:10–10:55am	<b>BREAK in EXHIBIT HALL + POSTER SESSIONS</b>

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10:55am–12:00pm	<b>SESSION VI – NEW INVESTIGATOR PRESENTATIONS</b> Moderator: REBECCA SPRAGG, MSPO, CPO
10:55–11:15am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> <b>Clinical Outcome Measurement in Pediatric Lower Limb Prosthetics: A Modified Delphi Consensus Study</b> <b>Anna Cook, MPO, CO, LO</b> , Sara Morgan, PhD, CPO, Dylan Mann, MD, Lauren Levey, MSPO, CPO, LPO, Annabelle Vaage, PT, DPT, Meghan Munger, PhD, MPH, Jennifer Laine, MD, Michelle Hall, MS, CPO, LPO, FAAOP(D)
11:15–11:35am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> <b>Short-Term Outcomes of the Boston Night Shift in the Treatment of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: A Retrospective Study</b> <b>Courtney Klapka, CPO, Mallory Silvers, MPO, Sophia Valls, CO</b> , and James Wynne, CPO, FAAOP
11:35–11:55am	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Development and Implementation of a Bibliotherapy Intervention to Improve Attitudes Towards Device Use for Orthoses and Prosthesis Users Aged 3-12</b> <b>Caitlin Bowman Martwinski, MSPO</b>
11:55AM–12:00pm	<b>Discussion</b>
12:00–1:10pm	<b>Member Business Meeting</b>
12:00–1:10pm	<b>Lunch in Exhibit Hall</b>
1:10–2:00pm	<b>Session VII: PROSTHETICS &amp; ORTHOPEDICS</b> Moderator: Colleen Coulter, PT, DPT, PhD
1:10–1:25pm	<b>Infant Gait Training with Prostheses: Collaborative Strategies in Design and Early Rehabilitation</b> <b>Edward Krische, MS, CPO, LPO, Carissa Stoddard, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS</b> , and Ashley Vesotsky, PT, DPT
1:25–1:40pm	<b>Prosthetic Design and Gait Training for Bilateral Knee Disarticulation of Polyneuropathy</b> <b>Edward Krische, MS, CPO, LPO, Carissa Stoddard, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS</b> , and Ashley Vesotsky, PT, DPT
1:40–1:50pm	<b>Contractures Treatment and Prevention During External Fixation – Now What?</b> <b>Caryn Meth-Gottfried, CPO, LPO</b> , Ellen Dean, MD, and Aura Shoal, MD, PMR
1:50–2:00pm	<b>Discussion</b>

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2:00–3:30pm	<b>SESSION VIII: UPPER EXTREMITY</b> Moderator: JON SCHOFIELD, PhD
2:00–2:30pm	<b>Restoring Upper Extremity Function after Cervical Spinal Cord Injury</b> Richard Goldberg, DO, Scott Kozin, MD, and Justine LaPierre, MS, OTR/L, CHT
2:30–2:40pm	<b>Innovative 3D-Printed Solutions for Independence: Occupational Therapy and Prosthetics Collaboration for Pediatric Patients</b> Edward Krische, MS, CPO, LPO, Amy Sitabkhan, OTR, OTD, and Grace Evasco, OTR, MOT
2:40–2:50pm	<b>Applying Partial Hand Prosthetic Technology to the Pediatric Congenital and Acquired Population</b> Roberta Ciocco, MS, OTR/L, and Joseph Kersch, CP
2:50–2:55pm	<b>Discussion</b>
2:55–3:15pm	<b>From Muscle to Cortex: Neural and Muscular Signatures of Missing Hand Movements in Congenital Limb Deficiency</b> Sunniya Waraich, PhD, Pierre Gianferrara, PhD, Jonathon Schofield and Wilsaan Joiner, PhD
3:15–3:25pm	<b>Grasp Taxonomy of Children with Unilateral Congenital Below Elbow Deficiency</b> Kartik Kumar, BS, Vo Ly, BS, Wilsaan Joiner, PhD, Michelle James, MD, and Anita Bagley, PhD
3:25–3:30pm	<b>Discussion</b>
3:30–4:15pm	<b>BREAK + POSTER SESSIONS</b>
4:15–5:15pm	<b>Exhibitor Forum - Exhibitors Only</b>
4:15–5:30pm	<b>SESSION XIII – Clinician Guided Forum</b> Moderator: Anna Vergun, MD, and Corey Gill, MD
4:15–5:30pm	<b>Clinician Guided Forum</b>

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5:30pm	<b>Adjourn</b>
6:00–9:00pm	<b>Friday Night Social Event</b> Queen & Rook, 123 South St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 (Pre-registration Required)

## Saturday, May 2nd

7:00–8:00am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:00am–12:50pm	<b>Registration</b>
8:00–9:00am	<b>SESSION X- HIPS &amp; CFD</b> Moderator: REBECCA SPRAGG, MSPO, CPO
8:00–8:45am	<b>Treatment of Hip Pathologies: Orthopedic and Orthotic Perspectives for the Complex Pediatric Hip from a Multidisciplinary Clinic</b> Wudbhav Sankar, MD, Lauren Levey, MSPO, CPO, and Grace Gibbs, Engineering Manager
8:45–8:55am	<b>Preferences and Priorities for Decision Making in Congenital Femoral Deficiency (CFD): A Stated Preference Survey of Patients, Caregivers, and Clinicians</b> Sarah Nossov, MD, Ilene Holin, PhD, MPH, Schmalfuss Henrike, and Corinna Franklin, MD
8:55–9:00am	<b>Discussion</b>
9:00–9:10am	<b>Creative Solution for Post Operative Immobilization after Cloacal Exstrophy Surgery with an Adjustable Spica Brace</b> Anna Vergun, MD, Josh Kessler, CPO, and Sean Zeller, CPO
89:10–9:20am	<b>Orthotic Management of Bladder Exstrophy</b> Ashton Wagner, CPO, and Ronni Robinson, CRNP
9:20–9:30am	<b>Bracing Considerations and Clinical Protocols for Pediatric Patients with Arthrogryposis: Insights from an Arthrogryposis Prevalent Practice</b> Megan Marema, CPO, LPO, MPO and Matthew Westlake, CO, LO
9:30–9:35am	<b>Discussion</b>

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9:35–10:45am	<b>SESSION XI – REHABILITATION</b> Moderator: GABBY NGUYEN, MD
9:35–10:05am	<b>A Novel Multidisciplinary and Staged Approach to Caring for Children with Lower-Limb Loss</b> <b>Priya L. Jayakumar, MD, Eileen Shieh, MD,</b> Paul T. Enlow, PhD, Jana L. Teagle, MS, CTRS, CCLS, CBIS, and Jeanne M. Franzone, MD
10:05–10:35am	<b>Comprehensive Care for Children with Spina Bifida: Rehabilitation Perspectives from a Walking-Focused Clinic</b> <b>Andrew McCoy, MD, Lauren Levey, MSPO, CPO, Danielle D’Amico, BSN, RN,</b> and Kristen Reilly, DPT
10:35–10:45am	<b>Discussion</b>
10:45–11:00am	<b>Break In Exhibit Hall — (Check out of hotel)</b>
11:00am– 12:40pm	<b>SESSION XII– OTHER</b> Moderator: Corey Gill, MD
11:00–11:10am	<b>Bilateral Crawling Kinetic Symmetry in Infants with Cerebral Palsy and Limb Loss</b> <b>Larissa Brehm, BSN,</b> and Mark Geil, PhD, BS
11:10–11:20am	<b>Orthotic Solution for Active Patient with Acute Flaccid Myelitis</b> <b>Rebecca Suddaby, MSPO, CO, LO</b>
11:20–11:30am	<b>Distinct Clinical Patterns and Correlating Patient Factors in Tibial Deficiency: A Multi-Center Study</b> Grace Markowski, MS, Alyssa Barre, MD, Shelby White, PhD, <b>Janet Walker, MD</b>
11:30–11:40am	<b>Discussion</b>
11:40–11:50am	<b>Potty Training Challenges in a Pediatric Above-Knee Amputee with PFFD and Upper Limb Difference: When Suspension Gets in the Way</b> <b>Kristen Peterson, CP,</b> and Edward Krische, MS, CPO, LPO
11:50am –12:00pm	<b>Changes in Social Interaction and Joystick Activation Over Time in Young Powered Mobility Learners with Motor Disabilities</b> <b>Jasmine Jones, SPT, Shariphine Agoalikum, PT, MPhil,</b> Kimberley Ingraham, PhD, Kat Steele, PhD, and Heather Feldner, PT, PhD, PCS

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## Saturday, May 2nd

12:00–12:20pm	<b>Barriers and Facilitators for Guiding the Co-Design of an Adapted Cycling Training Program for Children with Motor Disabilities: Preliminary Results</b> Yusra Bendakir, OT, Evemie Dube, PhD, Liam Lett, Marie Laberge, and Yosra Cherni
12:20–12:30pm	<b>Medical Specialty Camps for Children with Physical Disabilities: A Scoping Review</b> Phoebe Scott-Wyard, DO, Eden Winslow, Joshua Siegel, Jonathon Schofield, PhD, and Wilsaan Joiner, PhD
12:30–12:40pm	<b>Discussion</b>
12:40–12:50pm	<b>Adjourn/Closing Remarks</b> Rebecca Spragg, MSPO, CPO – ACPOC President

## POSTERS

1	<b>Bridge-Enhanced ACL Restoration (BEAR) for Primary ACL Repair in a High School Athlete: Postoperative Bracing, Therapy, and Functional Return-to-Sport Assessment</b> Terence Thomas, MD, Sara Kolp, PT, DPT, OCS, Calli Clark, MSPO, CPO/L, and Sean Waldron, MD
2	<b>Double Dipping: Amputee Management in the Setting of Other Diagnoses</b> Gabrielle Nguyen, MD, Stephanie Miller, DO, and Brittini Willis, DPT
4	<b>Assessing Powered Mobility Needs for a 2-year-old Quadrilateral Amputee</b> Roberta Ciocco, MS, OTR/L, Deborah Humpl, OTR/L, and Dina Mastrogiovanni, OTR/L, ATP
5	<b>What are the Priorities of Patients and their Caregivers when Deciding on Treatment for Congenital Femoral Deficiency (CFD)?</b> Sarah Nossov, MD, Ilene Holin, PhD, MPH, Camille Brown, MS, CGC, and Corinna Franklin, MD
6	<b>Qualitative and Quantitative Assessment of Physical Activity Participation and Prosthetic Demands in Children with Lower Limb Absence</b> Jimmy Tran, PhD Student, Jonathan Schofield, PhD, and Quentin Sanders, PhD

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7	<b>Use of Expert Panels, Delphi Surveys and Semi-Structured Interviews to Inform Best Practice: A Shared Experience for Creating Serial Casting Guidelines in Spinal Muscular Atrophy</b> Laurey Brown, PT, DPT, and Sara Beyler, CO/LO
8	<b>Stakeholder Perspectives of Pediatric Prostheses: A Qualitative Study of Benefits, Challenges, and Priorities for Novel Designs</b> Kate Allyn, LCPO, FAAOP, Heather Feldner, PT, PhD, PCS, Matthew Wernke, PhD, Monica Smersh, BA, and Murray Maitland, PT, PhD, FAPTA

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## 2026 Hector W. Kay Memorial Lecturer



### Rewriting the SMA Story: Lessons from a Decade of Breakthrough Therapies

**Dr. Susan Apkon**

Pediatric Rehabilitation at Children's Hospital Colorado

Thursday, April 30, 2026 1:00–2:00 PM

Dr. Susan Apkon is the Fischahs Chair in Pediatric Rehabilitation at Children's Hospital Colorado and Visiting Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at University of Colorado School of Medicine. She leads a nationally recognized pediatric rehabilitation program that provides innovative and evidenced based care to children and adolescents with changes in function related to injury, illness, or congenital conditions.

Dr. Apkon's clinical focus is on the care of children with neuromuscular conditions and is the Co-Director of the Neuromuscular Clinic at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Dr. Apkon's research interests are focused on providing novel treatments to children with neuromuscular conditions and has been involved over the last 15 years in clinical trials, some of which have led to FDA approved drugs that are changing the course of pediatric neuromuscular diseases.

## Hector W. Kay Memorial Lectureship

Hector W. Kay was born in Australia, November 1, 1909. After his basic education in Australia, he completed his formal education in 1938 at Springfield College where he received a Masters Degree in Education. It was also here that Hector met and married Katherine Johnson, a Springfield native. Hector's early association with prosthetics and prosthetic education began at New York University where he spent the years 1952 through 1965 in the Adult and Child Prosthetic Studies group. During this period, he became intimately associated with the Sub-Committee on Children's Prosthetic Problems of the Committee on Prosthetics Research and Development of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council. He was instrumental in developing the original cooperative clinic group, working very closely with the pioneers in this field: Drs. George T. Aitken, Charles Frantz, Newton McCollough and Claude Lambert. In 1965, he left New York University to join the Committee on Prosthetics Research and Development of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council as Assistant Executive Director. Here he continued to coordinate the activities of the Sub-Committee on Children's Prosthetic Problems. The committee was gradually expanded to cover orthotic problems as well as the prosthetic problems. During this period, Hector also acted as editor of the Interclinic Information Bulletin. The Interclinic Information Bulletin has more recently had a name change to the Journal of the Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics. Hector retired from the Committee on Prosthetics Research and Development in 1974, and met a very untimely death on March 31, 1975. He is deeply mourned by all of those who knew him, respected him, and looked to him for advice. No organization owes more to one individual than does the Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics. Though founded after his death, ACPOC owes its existence to an organization he nurtured.

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## Presidential Guest Speaker



### Think Outside the Shoe

**Jessica Cox**

Friday, May 1, 2026 — 9:10–10:10 AM

Jessica Cox is a motivational speaker featured on TV shows like Ellen, CNN, National Geographic, Fox and Friends, and BBC News. Her speaking career spans 18 years, 28 countries, and audiences up to 40,000 people. Companies like AT&T, NASA, the Smithsonian, State Farm, and Cisco have asked her for inspirational workshops, keynotes, and more.

Jessica was born without arms and uses her feet the way most people use their hands. Jessica grew up asking with frustration and anger, “Why me? Why do I have to be different?” She learned to see the blessings in her life and accept herself as a whole person. Now, Jessica flies airplanes, drives cars, is married, and otherwise lives a normal life. Jessica is the author of *Disarm Your Limits*, an autobiographical self-help book that has sold more than 10,000 copies. She also writes a monthly article for *Flying Magazine*.

In 2020, Jessica announced plans to build *The Impossible Airplane*, a custom 200 mph, 4 seat airplane she will use to circumnavigate the world. When she’s not flying off into the sunset, Jessica continues to train in Taekwondo, where she’s a Fourth Degree Black Belt.

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## New Investigator Research Award



### First Place Winner:

#### Development and Implementation of a Bibliotherapy Intervention to Improve Attitudes Towards Device Use for Orthoses and Prosthesis Users Aged 3-12

Caitlin Bowman Martwinski, MSPO

Friday, May 1, 2026 — 11:35–11:55 AM

Caitlin Bowman Martwinski, MSPO is a Resident Pediatric Orthotist/Prosthetist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (2024-Present). Her journey as a Pediatric Orthotist/Prosthetist is driven by a passion for research and a commitment to making a positive impact for both our littlest patients and the profession. She is an alumna of Virginia Tech and the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to residency, Caitlin worked in the field of O&P as a fitter/assistant and as a technician.



### Second Place Winner:

#### Short-Term Outcomes of the Boston Night Shift in the Treatment of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: A Retrospective Study

Courtney Klapka, CPO, Mallory Silvers, MPO, Sophia Valls, CO, and James Wynne, CPO, FAAOP

Friday, May 1, 2026 — 11:15–11:35 AM

Courtney is a Certified Prosthetist Orthotist (CPO) at OP Specialty Bracing in our Annapolis, Maryland clinic. She specializes in pediatric prosthetics and orthotics and is a member of our spinal research team. She is passionate about combining clinical expertise with innovative technology to support each patient's unique need.



It was during Mallory's tenure as a rehabilitation technician at an outpatient neurological rehabilitation clinic that she discovered the field of orthotics and prosthetics. After completing her education, she is now completing my residency with OPSB and is a board eligible Orthotist and a Prosthetic Resident. She is passionate about the opportunity to assist patients in improving their mobility, enhancing their comfort, and ultimately reclaiming their independence.



Sophia first discovered the field of orthotics as a 10-year-old scoliosis patient. After completing her education, she moved from Texas to Boston to focus on pediatric care by completing my orthotic residency with OPSB. She is now a certified orthotist and a prosthetic resident. She is passionate about helping children reach their mobility goals and dedicated to providing high-quality, compassionate care to every child who visits our clinics.

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## New Investigator Research Award



### Third Place Winner:

#### Clinical Outcome Measurement in Pediatric Lower Limb Prosthetics: A Modified Delphi Consensus Study

**Anna Cook, MPO, CO, LO**, Sara Morgan, PhD, CPO, Dylan Mann, MD, Lauren Levey, MSPO, CPO, LPO, Annabelle Vaage, PT, DPT, Meghan Munger, PhD, MPH, Jennifer Laine, MD, Michelle Hall, MS, CPO, LPO, FAAOP(D)

Friday, May 1, 2026 — 10:55–11:15 AM

Anna Cook is a certified orthotist and board eligible prosthetist working at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, MN. She recently completed a combined prosthetics and orthotics residency at Gillette. She previously earned a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering from the University of Rochester and a Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics from the University of Washington. She is passionate about combining her interests in biomechanics, research, and improving the lives of others to advance the field of prosthetics and orthotics.

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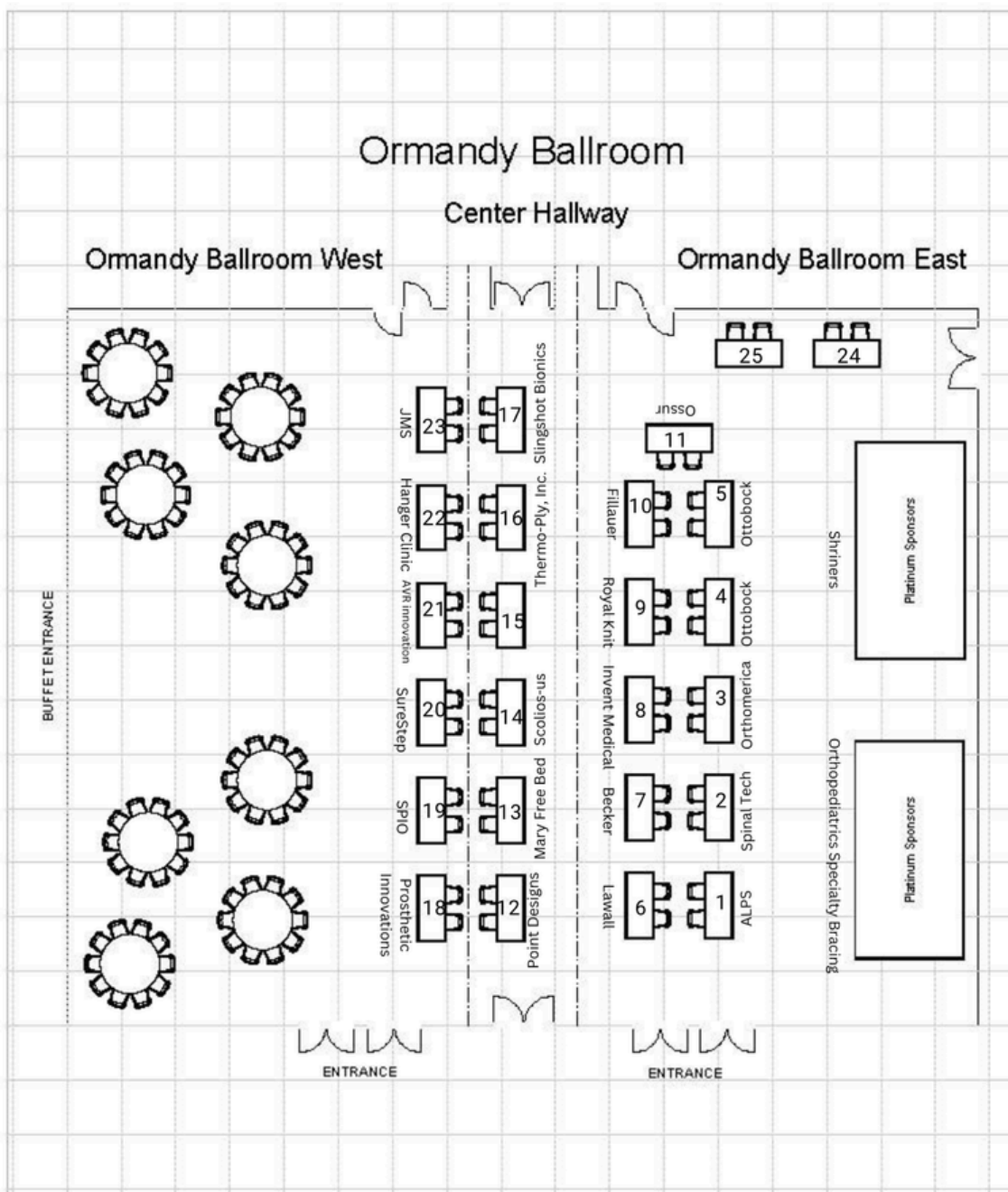
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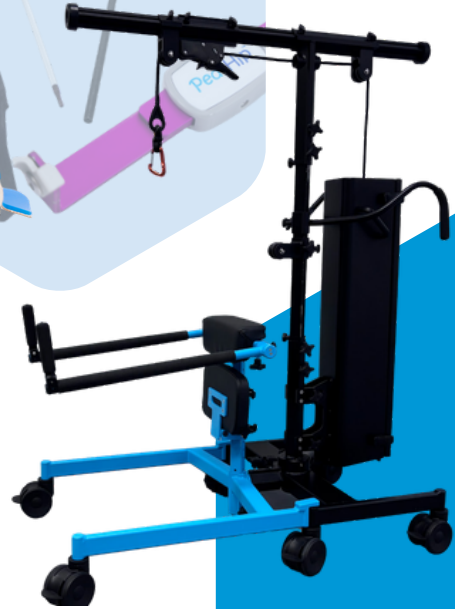
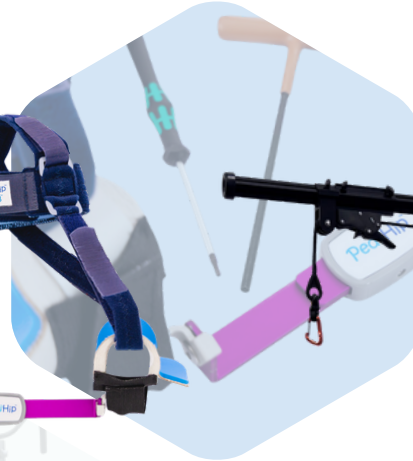
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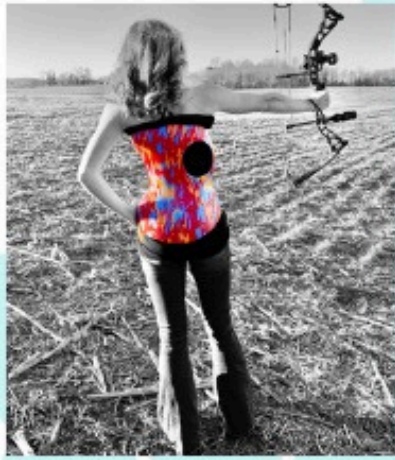


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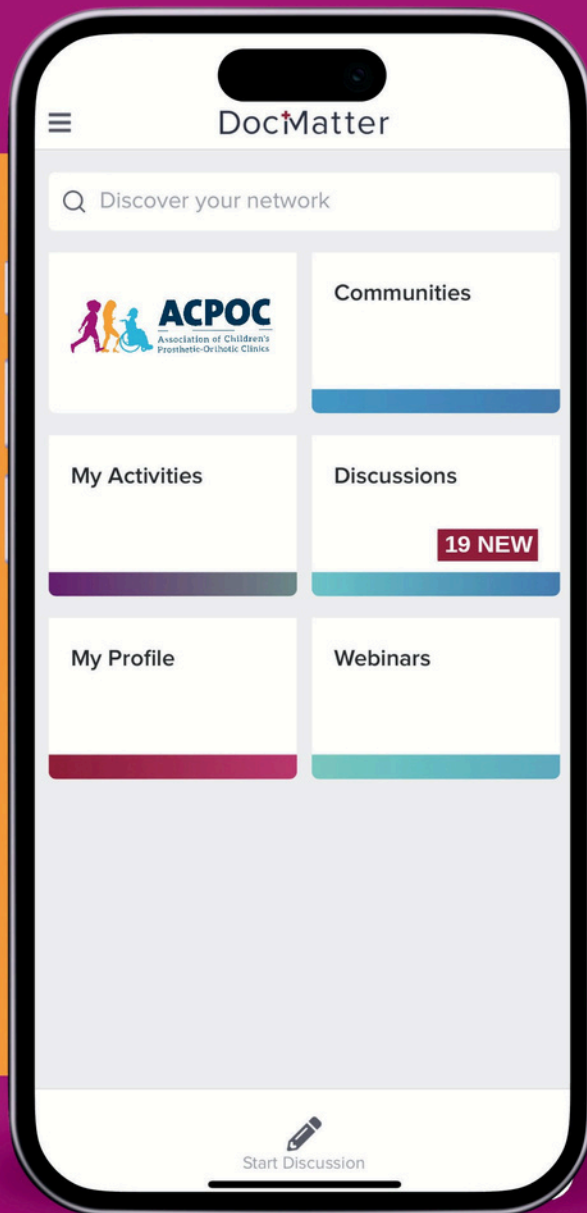
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### **AVR Innovation – Table 21; [www.avrinnovation.com](http://www.avrinnovation.com)**

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### **Becker – Table 7; [www.beckerorthopedic.com](http://www.beckerorthopedic.com)**

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### **Clubfoot Solutions Inc; [www.clubfootsolutions.org](http://www.clubfootsolutions.org)**

Dr. Ignacio Ponseti revolutionized the treatment of clubfoot while at the University of Iowa in the 1940s. He developed a non-invasive technique that utilized gentle manipulation and serial casting of the feet to successfully correct clubfoot without major reconstructive surgery. Today, the Ponseti Method is the international standard for clubfoot treatment with a 97% correction rate.

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Clubfoot Solutions, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Iowa-based organization.

### **Fillauer – Table 10; [www.fillauer.com](http://www.fillauer.com)**

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Dr. Dillingham founded iFIT Prosthetics LLC® to advance the science of lower limb prostheses, and is especially grateful for the following partnerships:

- NIH offered valuable funding and insights to realize this vision of a self-contained, immediately fit, adjustable, transtibial prosthetic.
- Advanced Design Concepts, Inc., provided critical engineering support for this project from the very beginning, from designs to analyses to prototyping. Special thanks to Jim Marschalek, MS, lead engineer and Mark Schaefer, MS, ACD President.

### **Invent Medical USA, LLC – Table 8; [www.inventmedical.com/usa-can/](http://www.inventmedical.com/usa-can/)**

Helping people is the mission of Invent Medical. New technology will constantly disrupt and change the medical field. We apply digital technologies to invent, develop and design a new generation of custom-made orthotic & prosthetic products so patients can experience better treatment outcomes.

### **JMS Plastics Supply – Table 23; [www.jmsplastics.com](http://www.jmsplastics.com)**

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### **Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital - Table 13; [www.maryfreebed.com](http://www.maryfreebed.com)**

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### **Orthopediatrics Specialty Bracing – Booth PS; [www.opsb.com](http://www.opsb.com)**

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### **Ottobock – Table 4 + 5; [www.ottobock.com/en-us/home](http://www.ottobock.com/en-us/home)**

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### **Point Designs LLC – Table 31; [www.pointdesigns.com](http://www.pointdesigns.com)**

Point Designs was founded by researchers in the field of upper limb prosthetic design from the Biomechanics Development Laboratory at the University of Colorado. Professors Richard Weir and Jacob Segil have decades of research experience spanning neural interfaces, myoelectric control algorithms, and upper limb prosthetic design.

Along with co-founders Dr. Levin Sliker and Stephen Huddle, the Point Designs team continues to advance the field of partial hand prosthetic design with expertise in additive manufacturing, mechanical design, and clinical care. We are a group of dedicated and passionate individuals working together to improve the lives of the people we serve.

### **Prosthetic Innovations – Table 18; [www.prolimb.com](http://www.prolimb.com)**

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### **Royal Knit – Table 9; [www.royalknit.com](http://www.royalknit.com)**

Royal Knit, Inc was founded in 1996 in Lee's Summit, Missouri by brothers-in-law Greg Pitts and Donald Joyce. Greg's background was in national sales for ADT, and Don's background was in knitting prosthetic and orthotic textiles. It was the perfect combination of sales and manufacturing knowledge to create top of the line orthotic and prosthetic textiles. Through ups and downs, Royal Knit has proven to be a leader in this industry. Greg retired from the company in 2016, and Don has continued to work hard to uphold the mission and values of the company. Today, Don has his son Chris and daughter Cindy working alongside him to assist in the everyday tasks of running this company, and it is with great appreciation and gratitude that they continue to serve their customers and their patients.

### **Scolios-us– Table 14; [www.bracingforscoliosus.org](http://www.bracingforscoliosus.org)**

Our mission is to help kids and teens with scoliosis successfully navigate the world of scoliosis. As a comprehensive resource, Scolios-us encourages you to take control of your scoliosis journey and prioritize your mental health along the way.

### **Shriners Children – Booth PS; [shrinerschildrens.org/en](http://shrinerschildrens.org/en)**

Shriners Children's is a leader in providing care for orthopedic conditions, burn injuries, spinal cord injuries and other spine disorders, rehabilitation, sports injuries and craniofacial conditions. We also offer specialized services, including orthotics and prosthetics and motion analysis. We strive to provide the care and support our patients need to reach their goals and discover their full potential. In addition, our healthcare system conducts research to improve our patient's quality of life and offers outstanding educational programs for medical professionals. All care and services are provided regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

Shriners Children's is a nonprofit organization and relies on the generosity of donors. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. For more information, including the full range of disciplines, please visit [shrinerschildrens.org](http://shrinerschildrens.org)

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### **Slingshot Bionics– Table 17; [www.slingshotbionics.com](http://www.slingshotbionics.com)**

Jay Martin, CP, FAAOP was invited by NASA to help them create Ironman-like exoskeleton suits for space and military applications. Through his work with NASA he discovered and created counter-intuitive new methods of how to make prosthetics more comfortable, using fabric-based materials. He then transitioned his NASA work into a new way of fitting prosthetics, which became an industry-first adjustable and conforming socket.

More recently he has re-invented his socket concepts from the ground up to maximize comfort and make that comfort accessible to all amputees. Now his latest and most advanced socket design, the Slingshot Socket™, is the most comfortable and accessible socket on Earth.

### **Spinal Technology– Table 28; [www.spinaltech.com](http://www.spinaltech.com)**

Spinal Technology, Inc. is the global leader in the design and custom fabrication of Spinal Orthoses, for the stabilization, immobilization, and the correction of various abnormalities of the spine. Specializing in the treatment of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis, we employ the latest technologies and methods for treating each and every patient. Medical experts around the world depend on our expertise for the assessment of patient curvature, the blueprinting of x-rays, the design of each orthosis, and the x-ray evaluation of patients in-brace. We continuously maintain expertise in various scoliosis bracing methodologies, and remain on the forefront of research and development. Our clinical team proudly supports the medical community with advanced educational courses and seminars, along with the dedicated teaching and resources we deliver to various colleges and universities. At Spinal Technology, Inc., we believe that sharing our knowledge, and absorbing that of others, is the most effective way to advance the treatment and care for all patients.

### **SPIO– Table 19; [www.spioworks.com](http://www.spioworks.com)**

At SPIO® our bottom line is both financial and social:

- All SPIO, Core-Max, and FabriFlex products are made in the USA
- We pay a livable wage, not just minimum wage
- We believe in fair labor practices
- We participate in our local community by sponsoring and volunteering for local non-profit fundraising events

### **SPS– Workshop; [www.spsco.com](http://www.spsco.com)**

Partnership is what we believe in. This means, as the world of healthcare evolves, we evolve along with you. We understand your priority is patient care, so it's our mission to continually expand our business to give you back time to spend with your patients. We will continue to provide exceptional service and explore new ways to save you money on material costs, but we've made it an objective to deliver more than just products.

With frequent changes in technology and healthcare policy, we recognize your need to adapt quickly. We are committed to providing you with resources you need to make shifts in your practice that improve patient outcomes.

With efficient distribution and the fuel to grow your practice, we'll be prepared to knock down the future. So, let's grow together.

### **Surestep – Table 20; [surestep.net](http://surestep.net)**

Passion is what drives us to serve children who need developmental assistance. Joy is what we feel when we witness the results of our hard work. Here at Surestep, enriching and transforming lives through compassionate care and innovation is at the core of everything we do. It's our mission. Even though it's easy to stay focused on this mission considering the rewarding work we do, we also understand that we can only make an impact with the dedication of our employees. That same passion to change lives also applies to our team members. We strive to provide our employees with a safe, inclusive, and socially responsible workplace that encourages personal growth and success.

### **Thermo-Ply, Inc.– Table 16; [www.thermoplygel.com](http://www.thermoplygel.com)**

At Thermo-Ply our mission is to design and manufacture top quality prosthetic products to benefit the lives of all amputees. We achieve this by controlling every step of prototyping, testing, manufacturing, packaging and shipping processes to ensure you receive the highest quality product for your patient at a competitive price.

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**Save the Date!**

## ACPOC 2027 ANNUAL MEETING

April 7–10 | Grand Rapids, MI | Amway Grand Plaza

### History of ACPOC

In 1946, Dr. Carlton Dean, a physician with a Master's Degree in Public Health met with Dr. Charles H. Frantz and Dr. George T. Aitken to organize a Juvenile Amputee Program in Michigan. The objective was to fit the best device available, and to instruct the usage of the prosthesis. For several years during WWII, Dr. Dean was aware that child amputees were fitted with prostheses that were rejected as being inadequate or uncomfortable. He was determined to remedy this situation. During the next several years, they found that prosthetic needs of children differed from age to age and reported that the child was not a miniature adult to whom adult principles and modes of fitting could be applied.

The Juvenile Amputee Training Program was the responsibility of doctors Frantz and Aitken. Initially most of the children had acquired amputations, but by the end of the first decade, half of the child amputee census was congenital. It eventually became apparent that the team approach pioneered in military hospitals for adult amputees worked well, and this concept should also be applied to the care of the child amputees. In 1954 the need for an organized approach to the management of juvenile amputees across the country was discussed in Michigan.

In January, 1954, a meeting was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to develop strategy for a national juvenile amputee management program. As a result, General F. S. Strong, Chair of the Prosthetics Research Board, appointed an interim Committee in Child Prosthetic Problems in December, 1955. This Committee of ten members, under the chair of Dr. Charles H. Frantz, held its first meeting in November, 1956, at UCLA, at which time it was made a permanent committee of the Prosthetics Research Board.

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In 1959, the Committee was transferred to the Committee on Prosthetics Research and Development of the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences, at which time it became the Sub-Committee on Child Prosthetic Problems. Dr. Frantz continued to chair the sub-committee until 1967, when Dr. George T. Aitken assumed the chair.

During these early years, the primary functions of the sub-committee were to evaluate experimental components, to disseminate information through publications and conferences, and to establish criteria for clinics wishing to participate in the cooperative Clinic Chief's Program, thereby raising the standards of children's prosthetic care in the United States.

The Interclinic Information Bulletin was first published in October, 1961, by the Child Prosthetic Study program at New York University and has been a most valuable means of communication between the cooperating clinics. This continued as JACPOC, Journal of the Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics, which has ceased publication.

Four major symposia were sponsored by the sub-committee and the proceedings were then published under the auspices of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

1. Normal and Abnormal Embryological Developments: Charles H. Frantz, Editor, held in Chicago, 1966
2. Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency: A Congenital Anomaly: George T. Aitken, Editor, held in Washington, DC, 1968.
3. Selected Lower Limb Anomalies: Surgical and Prosthetic Management: George T. Aitken, Editor, held in Washington, DC, 1969.
4. The Child With an Acquired Amputation: George T. Aitken, Editor, Held in Toronto, Ontario, 1970.

In the early 1970's, CPRD charged the sub-committee with enlarging its sphere of activity to include children's orthotics and mobility aids. Also during this period, under the guidance of Hector Kay, Assistant Executive Director of CPRD, the sub-committee expanded its conferences to include the cooperating clinic chiefs and their staffs at annual meetings hosted by a selected clinic. This format, which began in 1972, continues to this day. In 1972, Dr. Aitken turned over the chair of the subcommittee to Dr. Leon Kruger.

In 1976, the Committee on Prosthetics Research and Development, as well as the sub-committee, were disbanded by the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences. As a result, no meeting was held in 1977, but during this time an unsponsored ad-hoc committee functioned to lay the groundwork for a new organization to continue the exchange of information in the area of children's prosthetics and orthotics.

At the Grand Rapids meeting in 1978, the history of the organization was reviewed and it was recommended by the ad-hoc committee that a free-standing organization be created. This proposal received unanimous approval by the clinic chiefs.

In 1979, at the Memphis meeting, officers were elected and a committee appointed to develop a constitution and by-laws. The by-laws were approved during the 1980 meeting in New Jersey and thus the present Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics came into being.

Currently, the Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics is an international organization that meets annually at a member clinic host's city either in the United States or Canada. The ACPOC mission is to promote interdisciplinary team development and collaboration, support research in children's prosthetic-orthotic care, disseminate information to children's clinics and improve the lives of patients and their families through education. This diverse network of professionals is based upon mutual respect of each discipline's expertise that contributes to the treatment of the complex problems of the physically challenged. ACPOC continues to grow in membership and in contributions to the advancement of management for children with amputations, orthopaedic, and neuromuscular needs.

### **Mission**

The Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics (ACPOC) provides a comprehensive resource of treatment options provided by professionals who serve children, adolescents, and young adults with various orthopaedic impairments.

### **Vision**

The Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics (ACPOC) is recognized as the worldwide leader of multidisciplinary rehabilitative care of children, adolescents, and young adults with orthopaedic impairments.

### **Objectives**

ACPOC will provide information to allow patients and patients' families to access specialized clinics and healthcare providers.

ACPOC endeavors to provide opportunities to educate its membership through newsletters, the Web site, annual conferences and other programming.

ACPOC seeks to stimulate clinical research, which will further advance the technology and treatment approaches for orthopaedic impairments.

ACPOC offers an environment that promotes team collaboration with all medical professionals including, but not limited to, physicians, orthotists, prosthetists, therapists, and nurses.

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## Clinic Listings



### Find a Clinic or Join our Listing

If you would like to be added to the clinic listings, please fill out the form at this QR code. This information is available to health care providers and families of patients when they access our website. This Clinic Listing is a member benefit for those clinics who have at least 3 people who are ACPOC members.

## Donate to ACPOC



### Donate Here!

Help sustain the Association and its mission of educating professionals

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Thank you for making a contribution to ACPOC! Your donation will help sustain ACPOC and its mission

## Join or Renew Your ACPOC Membership!



### Benefits Of Membership

Our membership is the sustaining force behind our organization that affords the ability to provide ongoing interdisciplinary education on children with orthopedic needs. Your annual dues help to fund the annual meetings, the website, the newsletter, and the support staff necessary to run this association. By becoming a member, you have actively endorsed the need for a network of specialty professionals and share in our mission. Participation is encouraged to keep ACPOC strong.

Benefits include:

- Reduced registration fee at annual meetings
- Access to a network of specialty professionals
- Registry Listing-Individual and Clinic
- Triannual issues of ACPOC NEWS
- Website – Members Only section
- Practitioners workshops
- Leadership opportunities

