

Prosthetists specialise in assessing and providing gait analysis and engineering solutions to service users with limb loss. They are trained in mechanics, bio-mechanics, and material science along with anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology.

Prosthetists design and provide prostheses that replicate the structural or functional characteristics of the service user's absent limb. They are also qualified to modify CE marked prostheses or the components of these. They treat service users with congenital limb loss as well as loss due to diabetes, reduced vascularity, infection and trauma. While they are autonomous practitioners they also work closely with physiotherapists and occupational therapists as part of the multidisciplinary amputee rehabilitation teams.

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