

Orthotist



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What is a Orthotist?

Orthotists are practitioners who provide gait analysis and engineering solutions to patients with problems of the neuro, muscular and skeletal systems. They are competent to design and provide orthoses that modify the structural or functional characteristics of the patient's affected body part enabling them to mobilise, eliminate gait deviations, reduce falls, reduce pain, prevent and facilitate healing of ulcers.

They treat patients with a wide range of conditions including:

- Diabetes
- Arthritis
- Cerebral palsy
- Stroke
- Spina bifida
- Scoliosis
- Sports injuries and trauma

Where will you find our Orthotists?

You will find our Orthotists in the Special Mobility Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC) and they also work in satellite clinic locations.

Future aspirations for the profession:

- Develop the Advanced Practice workforce
- Scope potential for degree apprenticeships and support workforce development



**Support workforce:
Technicians**