

ISO Standards



ISPO collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization

ISPO and the ISO/Technical Committee (TC) 168 Prosthetics and Orthotics work together on the development of International Standards and Projects to overcome the global challenges of increasing mobility and independence of life of people with disabilities.

This is a Joint Committee with CEN TC 293 linked to working group 5 enabling developing harmonisation of the standard generated with EN standards, which aims to

- Harmonise the best O&P practices across the globe
- Provide sustainable rehabilitation through raising education
- Share expertise through future technologies such as telemedicine and closer integration of products and services
- Establish future standards based on users need and closer customisation and integration of products and services

O&P standards are created by a multidisciplinary team based on very specific needs. The Technical Committee 168 for P&O currently consists of three Working Groups (WG):

- **WG 1** (responsible for Nomenclature and Classification) and
- **WG2** (responsible for Medical Aspects) are composed of experts in rehabilitation medicine, prosthetists, orthotists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and biomedical engineers, who are specialists with significant international experience in rehabilitation, design and development as well as education.
- **WG 3** (responsible for Testing) is composed of mainly engineers with a particular interest in the development of new products, outcome measures for safety, function and utilisation of advance technology in services.

[You can view the Standards published by the P&O Technical Committee here.](#)

Sir Saeed Zahedi, Chair of ISPO UK Member Society and a member of the ISPO Scientific Committee, acts as liaison between ISPO and ISO supported by key members of the Working Groups.

Established in 1974, ISO is an independent non-governmental international organization that brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant International Standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges.

[Visit the ISO website here.](#)