

Working With Us

The Saskatchewan Abilities Council is an accredited Prosthetic and Orthotic facility that employs certified practitioners and registered technical staff in both disciplines. This means the Council meets the standards established by the Canadian Board for Certification of Prosthetists and Orthotists. Similarly, Pedorthic staff members have extensive training and professional designations in the field of Orthopaedic footwear. Our facility supports ongoing professional development for all Orthopaedic staff members and provides training opportunities for interns to develop skills for professional certification. In addition, all orthopaedic appliances are designed, fabricated and fit to meet the referring physician's prescription requirements.

The Council strives to serve you with professional staff, quality work and proper fit of all appliances.



For more information on Orthopaedic services visit www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca or for details on referral procedures or to arrange an appointment, please contact:

Orthopaedics

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Orthopaedic appliances aid in the correction, support and prevention of skeletal problems, or replace missing extremities. The Saskatchewan Abilities Council has offered Orthopaedic services since 1954. Today we offer a full range of services provided by professional staff in an accredited facility. The Council serves clients of all ages and accepts referrals from throughout the province.

Orthopaedics is part of Rehabilitation Services offered at 2310 Louise Avenue in Saskatoon. Orthopaedic staff members also attend clinics held in locations throughout Saskatchewan including a regular clinic in Prince Albert.

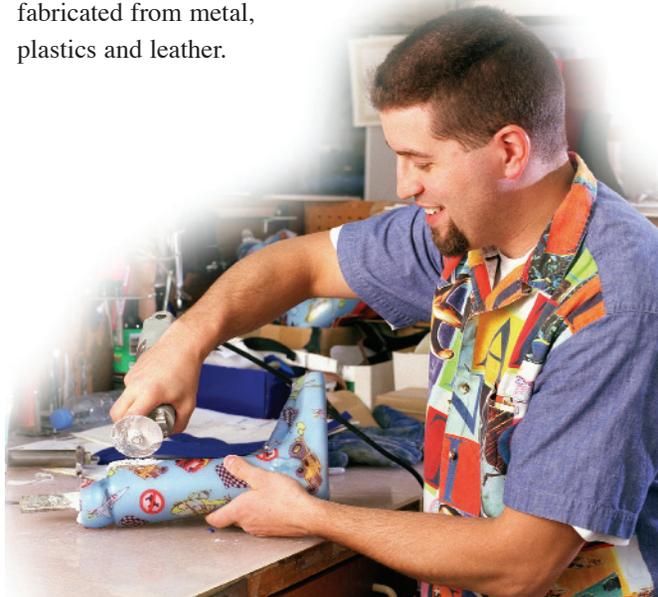
A requisition from an appropriate medical specialist, physician, or health care professional, and an appointment, are required to obtain orthopaedic services. Many products provided in Orthotics and Prosthetics are covered by Saskatchewan Health or other funding sources. Some Pedorthic appliances and a few Orthotic supplies (such as wrist supports and soft back corsets) may be purchased directly by individuals. Please check regarding coverage and referral procedures for specific items.

Orthopaedics includes: Orthotics, Specialized Seating, Prosthetics and Pedorthics.



Orthotics

Orthotics is the use of braces (such as knee braces, back braces and splints) to correct or support weak or ineffective joints or muscles. The orthosis (the brace or support) will be custom made or pre-manufactured and fit to support the affected joint or muscles. Orthoses are fabricated from metal, plastics and leather.



Specialized Seating

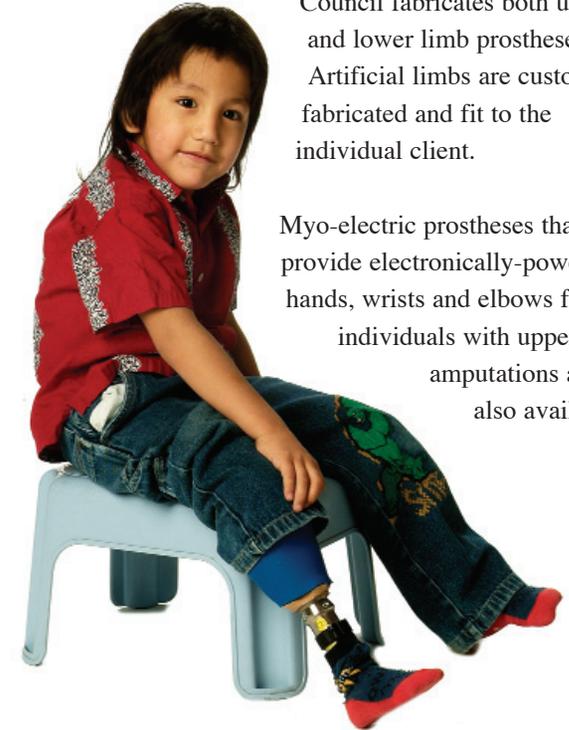
Specialized seating is an extension of Orthotic services, and is a form of bracing which involves the use of inserts in wheelchairs. Inserts are custom fabricated or pre-manufactured components that can be modified to provide a comfortable and supportive seating position. Assessment, review, fabrication and fitting of specialized seating appliances involves input from health care professionals, the client and caregivers, all working together to meet the unique needs of each individual.

Prosthetics

Prosthetics is the provision of artificial devices to replace missing limbs for functional or aesthetic purposes. The

Council fabricates both upper and lower limb prostheses.

Artificial limbs are custom fabricated and fit to the individual client.



Myo-electric prostheses that provide electronically-powered hands, wrists and elbows for individuals with upper limb amputations are also available.

Pedorthics

Pedorthics refers to custom-made or modified products to provide comfort and to correct or support foot deformities or injuries. Custom-manufactured footwear is designed to accommodate the individual's needs. Shoe raises, custom arch supports, shoe modifications, partial-foot prostheses, toe fillers and therapeutic footwear are examples of the services provided by orthopaedic footwear specialists. Materials used in the fabrication of custom pedorthic products include plastics, resins, silicone, leather and other materials.