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## **Prosthetics and orthotics — Functional deficiencies — Description of the person to be treated with an orthosis, clinical objectives of treatment, and functional requirements of the orthosis**

*Prothèses et orthèses — Malformations des membres — Description de la condition de l'utilisateur d'orthèse, objectifs cliniques, et exigences fonctionnelles et biomécaniques de l'orthèse*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The orthotic treatment of a person depends not only on the causes and underlying conditions for which the orthosis is being prescribed, but also on other clinical conditions and attributes of the person. The various members of the clinical teams in different countries often develop their own nomenclature to record this information. Hence there is a need for an international system to allow comparisons of clinical practice.

The system described in this International Standard is designed to meet the needs of the members of the clinic team to assess the person and to present and evaluate treatment. Such a system will also allow this information to be recorded in a way which can easily be incorporated into reports and used for analysis. It will also be of value to epidemiologists and government health officials.

ISO 8551 defines the minimum information to be described.