

Curriculum Vitae of Stephen Seccombe – Orthotic Expert

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Current employed role: Chief Clinical Officer

Qualifications and Professional Membership

- MSc Clinical Biomechanics, Staffordshire University. 2006-2010 (p/time)
- BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics, Salford University. 1996-1999
- Expert Witness Certificate, Bond Solon. Cardiff University. 2013
- Registered member of the Health and Care Professions Council (PO00759)
- Registered member of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics. I have served as Chair (2022-2026), Vice-Chair (2019-2022) and Treasurer (2014-2019).



Additional Information

- Sole or joint author for published articles in the British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing.
- Author of the 'Biomechanics in Prosthetics and Orthotics' teaching course for the Scottish Qualifications Authority.
- 1st tier APIL expert.
- Sole or joint author for National Evidence-Based Pathways.
- Previous chair of National Clinical Governance Group.
- Caldecott Guardian.
- Previous National Trainer for Orthotics.

Relevant Clinical Experience:

NHS Practice.

I am still a practising clinician (NHS and Private) and am currently employed by a leading rehabilitation service provider in the role of Chief Clinical Officer where I have responsibility for the strategic delivery of all our rehabilitation contracts globally across multiple government agencies (UK and Norway) and insurance companies (US and Europe).

After qualifying in 1999, I gained my clinical experience at clinics in the UK (London and Sheffield), Ireland (Dublin) and Norway (Bergen). My focus is orthotic treatment relevant to orthopaedic and neurological aetiologies, including diabetes.

Prior to my current role, I was the UK General Manager for four years, and in that role I provided nationwide leadership to all our UK rehabilitation services, balancing the needs of the customer and business to deliver outstanding care to our patients in the NHS.

I was previously the Head of Clinical Systems and Information and prior to that the National Clinical Lead for the same service provider to the NHS and I have also held various local clinical lead management roles. In those clinical roles, I have travelled extensively across multiple services to train and mentor others who contribute to our evidence-based pathways.

Clinically I have extended scope experience in the treatment of musculoskeletal and brain injuries. I am experienced in the use of gait analysis and lead on the development of technology in the clinical service. In addition to my clinical work, I have directed the chairs of the Clinical Governance Groups and led on the Quality Governance process.

I have either been the primary or secondary author for national evidence-based treatment pathways, education biomechanical modules and education supplements for Allied Health Professionals.

Private Practice.

Since founding Synergy Orthotic Clinical Services in 2006, I have focused my part-time private practice on the treatment of children with brain injuries and adult lower limb pathologies – either pre- or post-settlement. Working closely with a wide multidisciplinary team gives me a great insight into how orthotic treatment helps to complement other treatment methods, as well as in isolation.

Expert Reporting.

In 2011, I started to undertake independent medico-legal work and over the last three years have been instructed approximately 55 times per year, with the ratio being Claimant 65%, Defendant 25%, SJE 10%.

Approximately 20% progress to a joint statement and as yet I have not attended trial.