



# ORTHOTIC, PROSTHETIC & PEDORTHIC CLINICAL SERVICES (OPPCS)

Orthotic, Prosthetic & Pedorthic Clinical Services (OPPCS) are board certified clinicians practicing as members of an interdisciplinary rehabilitation team to assess, treat and care for Veterans and Service members who need custom-fit fabricated and prefabricated orthotic and prosthetic devices.

## ORTHOTIST

In collaboration with the patient and interdisciplinary team, the VA orthotist assesses the patient based on the clinical prescription, Veteran specific goals, and an evidence-based plan of care. The orthotist then designs, fabricates, fits and maintains custom orthoses for the spine, cranium and/or extremities to meet the Veteran's unique needs.

## PROSTHETIST

The VA prosthetist evaluates the Veteran who has or is planning to undergo amputation(s). The prosthetist sets goals and develops an intervention plan to meet the Veteran's need. The prosthetist designs the specific custom prosthesis and socket system, selects necessary components, fabricates, fits and maintains the prosthesis to ensure the Veteran reaches their highest functional potential.

## PEDORTHIST

The VA pedorthist performs an assessment of the patient's leg, ankle and foot. Patient goals are set and a treatment plan is developed. The pedorthist designs, fabricates, fits and maintains the custom foot orthoses for the foot and ankle to ensure the Veteran reaches maximum protection and mobility of the foot and ankle.

## SERVICES

- VA is a leader in prosthetic and orthotic research, and ensures Veterans to access the newest and most advanced O&P technologies.
- Whether provided by a VA Prosthetist and Orthotist or through a community O&P provider, VA covers the full cost of the orthosis or prosthesis, as well as costs for repair and maintenance as appropriate for eligible Veterans.

## LOCATION

- VA's OPPCS operates at more than 80 locations that are accredited by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics. Specialized equipment in these accredited laboratories enable the Orthotist, Prosthetist and Pedorthist to design, fabricate, repair, adjust and maintain these devices.
- Eleven of these sites maintain accreditation by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education enabling the VA to offer 20 residency positions to students from 13 prosthetic and orthotic masters' degree programs from universities across the United States.

For more information at: [www.rehab.va.gov](http://www.rehab.va.gov)

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