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Somek and Associates offer a range of highly experienced physiotherapy experts, all of whom have worked in the specialist area of amputee rehabilitation for 10+ years and continue to practice clinically at an advanced level within the field.

Our experts bring the following to amputation-related litigation:

- Demonstration of advanced knowledge/ assessment skills and clinical reasoning within adult and/or paediatric upper and/or lower limb amputation. Some of our experts are also experienced in the management of the claimant with multiple limb loss and some have experience of osseointegration.
- Recommendations which are based upon the claimant's pre-amputation clinical condition



Lauren Young

Lauren has developed her physiotherapy career specialising in amputee rehabilitation, prosthetics and vascular surgery. Lauren works with a wide variety of amputee patients and undertakes joint assessment and treatment sessions with prosthetists, providing individualised and intensive prosthetic rehabilitation for upper limb and lower limb amputees. Lauren is dual trained and can produce liability and quantum reports.

and lifestyle, risk factors (e.g. the state of the contralateral limb), expectations, rehabilitation potential and limitations.

- An understanding of the theory of prosthetic componentry, its practical application and impact on function.

Our nationwide based physiotherapy experts can provide physiotherapy amputee reports and all accept instructions from both defendant and claimant solicitors. Single joint instructions are also accepted.

Reports are provided within 4-6 weeks from instruction. If you would like to see a sample report or are interested in instructing one of our experts, please call us on 01494 792711 or email us at enquiries@somek.com.

Ashwini Walvekar

Ashwini is a lead physiotherapist in amputation and prosthetic rehabilitation. She provides expertise on prosthetic rehabilitation and advisory services to patients, carers and other healthcare professionals. Ashwini has worked across various settings including NHS, private hospitals and her own private clinic. Ashwini is fluent in both Hindi and Marathi.



Jayne Watkin

Jayne has specialised in the prosthetic rehabilitation of amputees since 2009 and currently works as a specialist physiotherapist in an NHS limb centre. She has extensive experience working with amputees from post operative stage through to discharge from prosthetic rehabilitation. Jayne has treated all levels of lower limb amputations including high level amputations of the hip and bilateral amputees. Jayne has contributed to the British Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation (BACPAR) guidelines and had a paper published in the BACPAR journal.



Lauren Joseph

Lauren works as a highly specialist physiotherapist in amputee rehabilitation with a caseload of adult amputees. Lauren treats lower limb amputees as well as those with multi-limb loss, with the cause of amputation ranging from vascular to trauma to orthopaedic. Lauren delivers rehabilitation from the sub-acute stage through to prosthetic provision, including global strength and conditioning, gait re-education, treatment of phantom limb pain, wound management and care of the contralateral limb.



Katharine Atkin

Katharine has 25 years post qualification experience and is currently a lead amputee physiotherapist, leading and managing the out-patient amputee service at her local hospital. Katharine also works in the private sector as an independent physiotherapist offering amputee rehabilitation in a local clinic or clients' homes. Katharine has experience of working with a variety of prosthetic componentry including micro-processor knees and offers pain management, particularly for the relief of phantom limb pain.



Kim Ryder

Kim is a lead physiotherapist in amputee rehabilitation, specialising in lower limb amputation adults and paediatrics, pre and post prosthetics, rehabilitation and orthopaedics.

Currently her clinical practice is in prosthetic limb fitting and managing the physiotherapy service for all outpatient amputees. Kim is dual trained and can produce liability and quantum reports.



“ Lauren's report was very good and assisted in the settlement negotiations. I would be happy to use her again. (Solicitor)

We are extremely grateful to you for your help - our experts have been invaluable in this case and the good outcome I think is very much as a result of the efforts put in by our experts, so thank you very much for your assistance throughout. (Solicitor)

I am a returning client because the service at Somek is excellent so thank you for your contribution. (Solicitor)

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