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**Prosthetics and orthotics —  
Vocabulary —**

Part 3:  
**Pathological gait (excluding  
prosthetic gait)**

*Prothèses et orthèses — Vocabulaire —*

*Partie 3: Marche pathologique*



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ISO 29783 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary*:

- *Part 1: Normal gait*
- *Part 2: Prosthetic gait*
- *Part 3: Pathological gait (excluding prosthetic gait)*

## Introduction

No internationally accepted vocabulary of terms is available to describe pathological gait.

As a consequence, the members of the different professions and the clinic teams in different countries have developed and adopted their own terminology.

It will enable practitioners to systematically describe the gait of the persons for whom they are providing treatment and facilitate comparisons with the experience of other practitioners.

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# Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary —

## Part 3: Pathological gait (excluding prosthetic gait)

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 29783 specifies a method of describing abnormal gait patterns resulting from pathology (excluding prosthetic gait) by identifying the deviations from the normal pattern of gait during each sub-phase of the gait cycle. The description of the deviations includes references to abnormal foot contact and abnormalities of joint motion.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 29783-1, *Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary — Part 1: Normal gait*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 29783-1 apply.

### 4 Pathological gait

#### 4.1 General

Structural damage to the musculoskeletal system, and/or muscle weakness, and/or abnormal neuromuscular control can lead to an abnormal gait pattern. The abnormal motions of the lumbar spine, pelvis and lower limb segments can be a result of the pathology and/or be compensatory.

NOTE Abnormal motions of the remainder of the trunk, head, neck and upper limbs during gait are not described in this part of ISO 29783.

#### 4.2 Method of description

##### 4.2.1 Gait deviations

Abnormal gait shall be described by stating the deviations from the normal gait pattern, for each of the undernoted sub-phases of the gait cycle:

- initial contact;
- loading response;
- mid-stance;
- terminal stance;
- pre-swing;