



# Understanding Your Exam Results

## Prosthetist Orthotist Simulation Exam

If you received your test results for the Simulation Exam only to learn that you did not pass the exam, the following information may help you focus your study for retaking the exam.

Your test results notice indicates your score in each content domain along with the maximum possible score in each area. In the test score example below the candidate was weakest in the scoliosis area, achieving only 50% of the possible points. The candidate performed strongest in the transfemoral / knee disarticulation area by obtaining a greater percentage of the available points.

| Content Domain                                 | Maximum Possible | Your Score |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Transtibial                                    | 70               | 60         |
| Lower Extremity Orthotics                      | 48               | 39         |
| Transfemoral / Knee Disarticulation            | 35               | 32         |
| Spinal (non-scoliosis)                         | 24               | 20         |
| Scoliosis                                      | 24               | 12         |
| Other (Symes, Upper Extremity or Partial Foot) | 35               | 32         |

We recommend that you focus further test preparation on those content domains where you performed the weakest. For example, if you performed the poorest in the scoliosis content domain, in the problem on the exam related to the patient with scoliosis, you possibly lost points in the evaluation sections by not choosing to assess all of the possible information available, in the implementation section where you had to choose the appropriate design of the orthosis, or in the follow-up section by not recommending the appropriate adjustments to the orthosis.

The simulation exam is designed to have you progress through different scenarios depicting real life patient situations. Each problem begins with a basic description of the type of patient you are seeing. You progress through sections of the exam in a chronological order, like you would in your own practice. Each problem begins with evaluating the patient by asking questions and choosing the appropriate physical assessments. This leads to the section where you must recommend a treatment plan for the patient. Once that is completed, the remaining sections are designed to complete the fitting of the recommended device and then perform some form of follow-up to address concerns the patient is having at that time. It is common that, at one point in the scenario, you will be given what the recommended orthotic or prosthetic treatment is for the patient. If you previously chose a different treatment, don't panic. You should complete the scenario based on the new information you received.

You should read through all of the choices in each section before making any selections. If you begin selecting choices before reading through all of the choices available, you might make the wrong choice. You may also need to page back to refer to the information you obtained earlier in the problem. Keep in mind that once you complete and exit a section you can go back and review it, but you are not allowed to change your selections.

You will need to select either Yes or No for every option available. Selecting Yes for an option reveals additional information. If you select No for an option, no information will be revealed. For some actions, selecting Yes will simply reveal "Action noted." This means that your decision to take that action has been recorded.

Your primary exam preparation source for the simulation exam is the clinical experience gained in your residency. When you were performing an initial evaluation of a patient and participated in formulating a treatment plan based on the information obtained in the evaluation you were preparing for the simulation exam. Your experience fitting devices and providing follow up to address the patient's concerns also prepared you to successfully complete the exam. Rely on your experience to lead you through the exam problems.