



# Written Simulation Exam Preparation Guide

## Exam Description

The problems in the written simulation examination are designed to test your decision-making ability in the field of orthotics or prosthetics. These problems are intended to simulate, as closely as possible, the types of situations that the practitioner may encounter in actual practice. When taking the test, you should strive to choose the best possible course of action from the choices offered, using logical, sequential, problem-solving strategies.

## What to Expect

In the actual examination you will work through seven problems. Each problem begins with a scenario entitled “Opening Scene.” Read the Opening Scene carefully, then go directly to Section A, the first section of the problem. Each section in a problem begins with a set of instructions which apply specifically to that section. In each section, you will need to select either Yes or No for each choice option.

The options you chose to click Yes will provide you with specific information you can use in making decisions in later sections. If you chose No to an option, you will not receive any information.

You will be required to select either Yes or No for all option choices. If you fail to select Yes or No, you will be prompted to make that selection before you are allowed to progress through the problem.

**A tutorial will be provided prior to the start of your exam** to help you familiarize yourself with the exam format and process.

## Tips

- Read instructions carefully! Failure to follow instructions at the beginning of the problem may lower your score.
- Be sure you read the entire section and consider all of the options within that section before you choose any of the options.
- When reviewing the choice options, use care with your mouse and cursor. **If you accidentally click on a choice, you will not be able to unselect that choice.**
- As you work through the problems, you may select Yes for an option and uncover the response “Done.” As a response, “Done” means the action you selected has been performed. Do not conclude that you should or should not have uncovered options with this response.
- As you progress through each problem you may be provided with information that confirms what treatment is indicated. If you had previously chosen a different treatment, do not attempt to stay with that decision. You should make decisions with the information you are presented with at each stage of the problem.
- Do not be concerned if the problem ends in a manner that you had not anticipated. Some problems may end without any indication of a clearly definitive outcome or resolution. These are not necessarily indications of inappropriate action on your part.