

Newsletter

Australian Institute of Orthopaedic Technologists Inc.

A message from the Out-Going President...

Mr. Robert Vragovski

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the executive committee that supported me over the last three years.

Over this time we have achieved an increase in membership, with the majority of growth coming from Queensland. Tracey and I established the AIOT website, which will be available to all members and notify the general orthopaedic community that we are a professional and proud group. I would like to welcome the new committee and say how exciting it is to see fresh new faces in these roles. I know that the new committee are enthusiastic and eager to drive us forward. On a personal note, I would like to thank Ms. Tracey Prosser, Mr. Glenn Brown, Mr. Nick Free and Mr. John Kinealy for their efforts and commitment to the growth of the association. Thank you.



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A message from the In-Coming President...

Mr Terry James

Greetings to all members, I would like to officially welcome all AIOT members for 2012. On February 28th the AIOT held a special meeting via Phone hook up to officiate the final meeting of the incumbent AIOT executive committee. The new executive committee was elected which comprises myself as President. Mr.

Greg Gysin (Vice President), Ms. Judith Hunter (Secretary), and Ms. Jenny Dalton (Treasurer) onto the AIOT Executive. Our profiles are on the following pages. I would like to acknowledge the outgoing executive during their term in office, thank you to Mr. Robert Vragovski (President) Mr. Nick Free (V.President), Ms. Tracey Prosser (Secretary/ Treasurer) along with board members Mr. John Kinealy, Mr. Glenn Brown, and Mr. Ken

Lewin. Also, all state liason officers, some of which are retaining their positions for a further term. Special mention again to Rob and Tracey for the setting up & implementation of the AIOT Website. I would like to encourage all members to avail themselves to supply information for the website and magazine, send some information regarding your hospital, career status, what interests you in the orthopaedic field, along with any Educational topics. Finally, I would like to invite all AIOT members to our first Education Weekend for 2012, which is being held in Townsville on the 23rd & 24th of June, for more information please contact Mr. Greg Gysin Senior Orthopaedic Technician on work phone No 47963586 Monday to Thursday, or by Mobile 0400225709. Come and enjoy some tropical sunshine, it will be a great weekend.

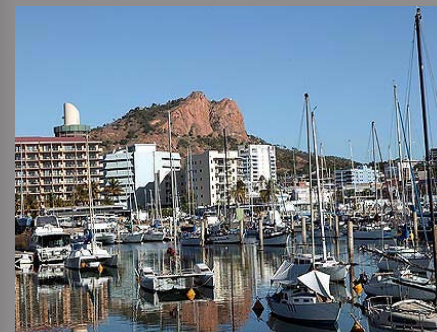
Yours in Casting,

Terry James

President AIOT.



Townsville 23rd-24th June



President - Mr. Terry James

My name is Terry James I am employed as an Orthopaedic Technician ,I have been a member of the Bundaberg hospital for 29 years, I hold a certificate IV in Cast Technology along with certificates in level 1-5 in all orthopaedic applications. Being a orthopaedic Technician enables me to impart my knowledge and skills in the treatment of orthopaedic injuries, along with the training of medical, nursing and operational staff.

I have recently been appointed President of the AIOT my charter will be to build the profile of the association in all states, I believe we can achieve this goal by all members having an active input in all association matters.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any information with regards to our association, and I hope to catch up with you at the Townsville education weekend on the 23rd & 24th of June.

*Cheers
Terry James,
Orthopaedic Technician.
Bundaberg Hospital*



Vice President - Mr. Greg Gysin

In 1980 I attained a position with the Townsville Hospital as a casual orderly, six months later I was appointed permanent. Shortly after that I applied for a position in the operating theatres as an Operating Theatre Assistant (OTA). At this stage I had no experience and basically was thrown in "at the deep end."

I developed an interest in anatomy and physiology especially related to orthopaedics and soon after found myself solely working in the orthopaedic theatres. I gained many skills in basic casting during this time, including the fundamentals of casting. Eventually applying the majority of casts in theatre. Over the years I have stepped in and out of theatre to cover the clinics and ward casting which led to the Townsville Hospital Institute of Surgery offering me the position of Senior Orthopaedic Technician in Charge, a promotion which I happily accepted. This took place in 2010.

Over the years I have been heavily involved in education and presented many educational sessions covering both the theoretical and practical components of our profession. I was chairman of the AOTA Education and designed a five-level training manual for orthopaedic technicians. I personally wrote two thirds of the manual, but was ably helped by other AOTA members. This manual is still presently used throughout Queensland as a valuable resource when training orthopaedic technicians. In July 1997, I was one of three people invited by Austaid to do a two week tour of PNG through the Australian College of Surgeons. The purpose of the tour was to teach the latest techniques in trauma slabbing and casting, workshops were conducted in Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Goroka, Mt Hagan and to Rabaul, which is on the Island of New Britain. I found this to be a great experience and in 1999 I was asked to return to PNG for a second, two week tour.



Eventually I caught up with my old friends and acquaintances Mr. John Kinealy, Mr. Glenn Brown and Mr. Robert Vragovski from the AIOT. I was impressed personally and professionally by the knowledge and aspirations of this organization, and soon after I joined. In 2004 I obtained my Certificate IV in Cast Technology through the AIOT and ICM. I also hold the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

I am still very passionate about education and remain active in teaching at AIOT conferences and education sessions. I am honoured and feel privileged at being elected as vice president of the AIOT.

It is my hope and vision that through the vehicle of the AIOT, we can all unite, share our knowledge and gain the recognition that orthopaedic technicians deserve and encourage others who may wish to take up this occupation with pride.

*Mr. Greg Gysin
Orthopaedic Technician
Townsville General Hospital*

Secretary – Ms. Judith Hunter

I am a Registered Nurse/Orthopaedic Technician currently working at Austin Hospital in Melbourne. I am also the Orthopaedic Liaison Nurse in the Outpatient Department. I trained as Registered Nurse in the UK to many years ago!

I have worked in many specialities including Medical and Surgical wards and General and Orthopaedic Outpatient Departments. I successfully completed the British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) Plaster Casting course in 2000 and have worked in Orthopaedic clinics and casting rooms for 10 years in both the UK and Australia.

*Ms. Judith Hunter
Orthopaedic Liaison Nurse/Orthopaedic Technician
Austin Hospital*



Treasurer – Ms. Jenny Dalton

I work at Austin Health, Heidelberg, Melbourne in the Specialist Clinics Mainly Specializes in Orthopaedics and fracture Clinics. Organised and implemented the Nurse-led clinic where we review patients 2 weeks post-op. Mainly consists of post-op ankle and foot surgery. I also work in Dermatology procedures, rheumatology, surgical clinic and assist the GP liaison nurse triage new patients.

I trained as a nurse in 1983 and worked in the surgical wards until I commenced having a family. During that time I worked part time in various areas. I returned to fulltime work in the mid 90's being employed in the Specialist clinics (formally known as the Outpatient Department) at Austin Health. An opportunity came about to do the Orthopaedic and fracture clinics. I started learning plaster techniques from Plaster nurses that had been plastering for over 20 years. I also attended all courses, workshops, training sessions that were available as was very enthusiastic. Spent time with John and Robert at the Western Hospital. Smith & Nephew were very helpful and I attended many of their workshops and study days. I have now been casting in the clinics for 16 years and I am always looking for ways to improve and keep up to date. I have completed the nurses Orthopaedic Nurses course and the Surgical Management Course, I look forward to completing the Certificate IV in Cast Technology.



*Ms. Jenny Dalton
Nurse/Orthopaedic Technician
Austin Hospital*



Australian Institute of Orthopaedic Technologists Inc.

Presents

Tropical Townsville Orthopaedic Education Session

Townsville Base Hospital, Robert Douglas Auditorium (opposite front entrance)

Saturday 23rd - 24th June 2012

Saturday 8.00am-4.00pm, Sunday 8.00am □ 12.00pm

All AIOT Members Welcome. All Others Must Become Members

This is aimed at intermediate to advanced technicians and is a hands-on educational session.

AIOT Cert IV Instructors

Mr Terry James □ Bundaberg Hospital

Mr Greg Gysin □ Townsville Hospital

Mr Glenn Brown □ Hobart Tasmania

Mr John Kinealy □ Western Hospital Melbourne

Mr Robert Vragovski □ Western Hospital Melbourne

Topics- TBC

- PTB □
- Hip Spika □
- Cast Bracing
- TCC for Diabetic/Neuropathic Feet
- Prelude Fibreglass Splinting System
- Casting/Splinting Request Session

Cost per person \$50.00 payable to the AIOT.

All Enquiries and RSVP □ email: Greg_Gysin@health.qld.gov.au RSVP by: 1st June 2012

General information about Townsville

Greetings from Townsville,

I'd like to welcome all AIOT members to attend our national education session in June, Flyer is on the previous page.

The workshop will be a hands on workshop aimed at increasing knowledge, education and skills for all.

Accommodation:

Townsville is a large spread out area and accommodation is abundant. We feel, after researching accommodation here, the best way is to log on and google Townsville accommodation, surf the net and you can choose your own budget and style of accommodation. The hospital is located in the suburb of Douglas, the Strand (Our ocean front, up market accommodation) is probably the furthest away from the hospital, at a thirty minute taxi trip each way.

If your not sure and want to be close to the hospital just ask for the distance to the hospital when booking. Hope to see you there. If there are any problems please don't hesitate to ring 0400225709 (Greg Gysin).

The Townsville Weekend Agenda

Fri Night: AIOT committee meeting at 7pm (Committee Only)

Sat 8am: Meet and greet Front foyer at The Townsville Hospital (Main Entrance)

Sat 4pm: Wind up workshop for the day followed by, AIOT AGM (Approx 1hr)

Sat Evening: AIOT dinner at restaurant to be announced (Dress smart) *Self funded

Sun 8am: Recommence workshop, closing approx 12:30pm

*Townsville Climate: June is the start of our winter. The days are usually sunny with an Avg. Temp of 25 degrees, becoming cool evenings and early mornings as low as 10 – 15 degrees.

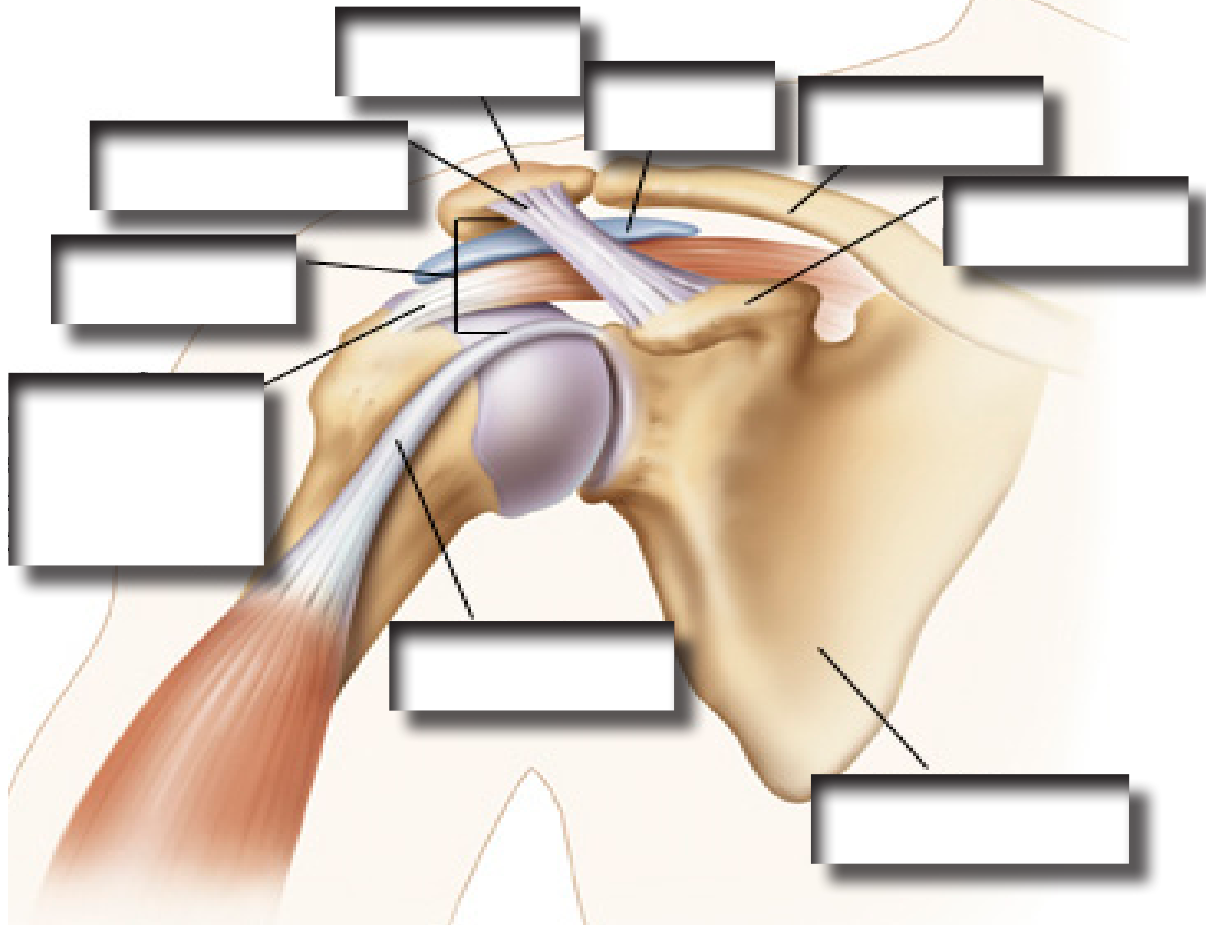
*Sat/Sun morning/afternoon tea and light lunch supplied
Trade Displays from assorted companies will be in attendance

See You There!!

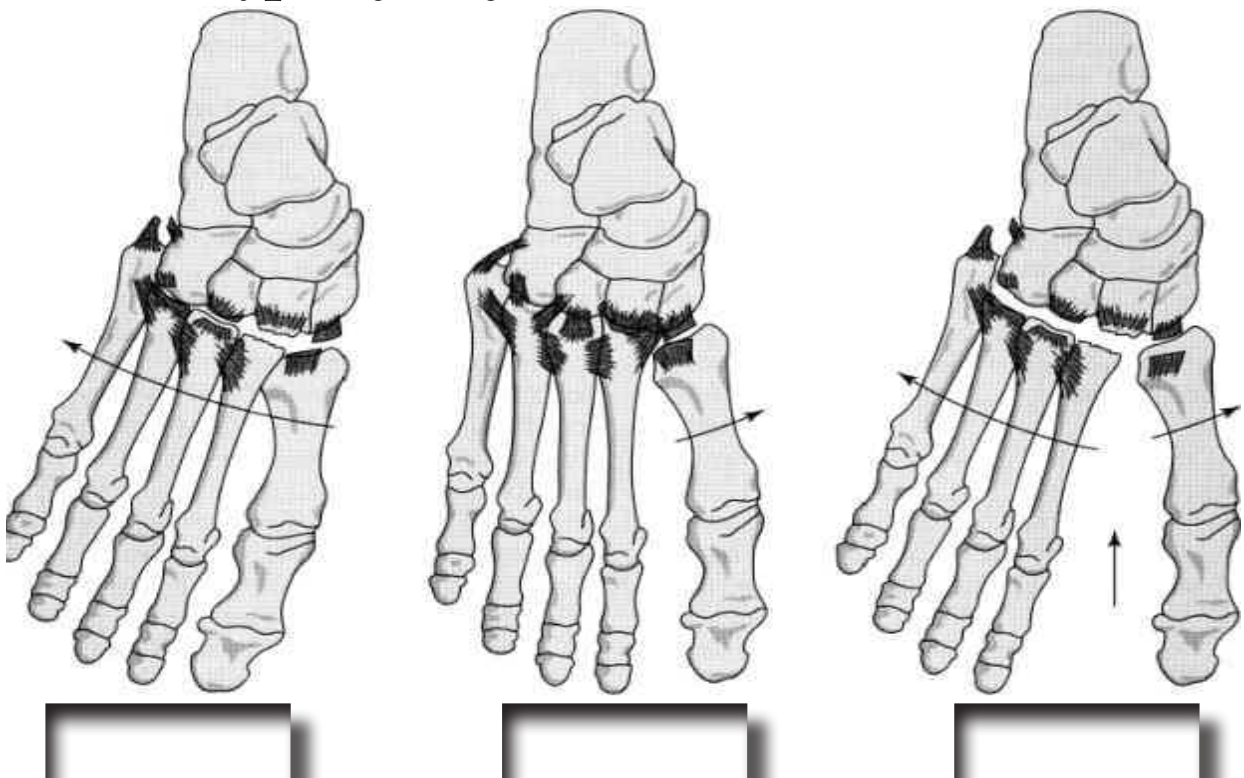
Cheers, Greg

All Enquiries and RSVP email: Greg_Gysin@health.qld.gov.au RSVP by: 1st June 2012

Label these anatomical parts of the shoulder



Label these types of Lisfranc injuries



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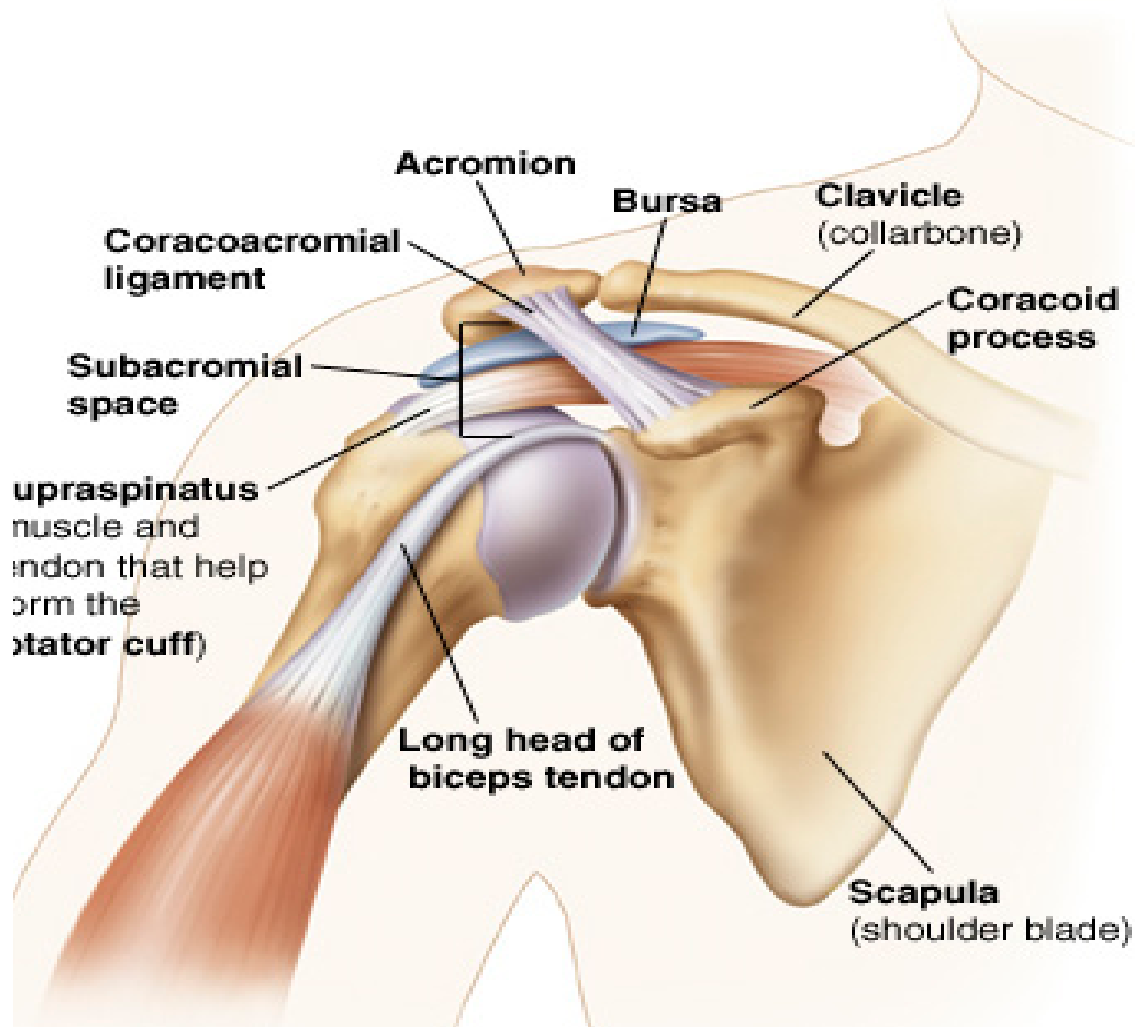
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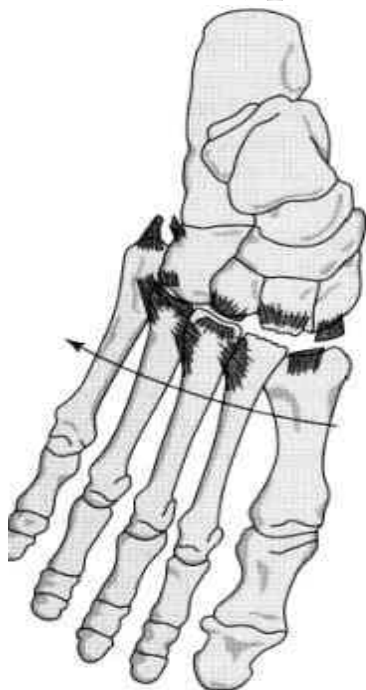
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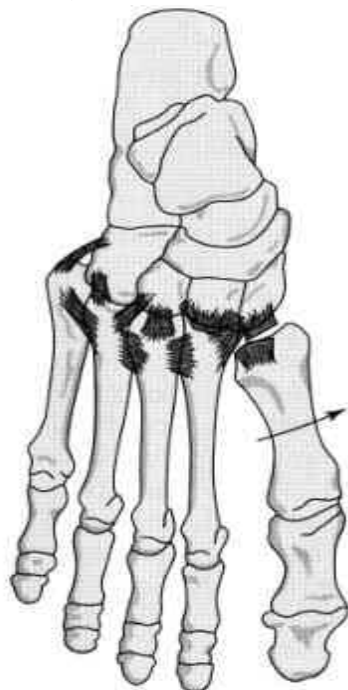
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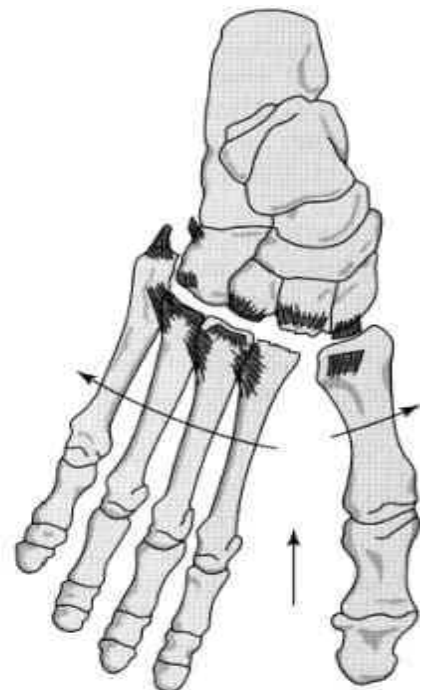
Label these types of Lisfranc injuries



Homolateral



Isolated



Divergent



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Membership Application Form



PRIVACY COMMUNICATION

Information supplied on the Application form is strictly private and confidential.

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This includes supplying mailing information about its members to any person or organization.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REGRADING

(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

<i>Mr, Mrs, Miss</i>	<i>SURNAME</i>	<i>GIVEN NAME</i>	<i>DATE of BIRTH</i>
<i>PRIVATE ADDRESS</i>			<i>PRIVATE PHONE</i>
<i>POST CODE</i>			
<i>EMPLOYER (IN FULL)</i>			<i>NATURE of BUSINESS</i>
<i>BUSINESS/HOSPITAL ADDRESS</i>			<i>BUSINESS PHONE</i>
<i>POST CODE</i>			<i>FAX</i>
			<i>E-MAIL</i>
<i>OFFICIAL TITLE of YOUR POSITION</i>		<i>DATE APPOINTED</i>	<i>TO WHOM DO YOU REPORT (title)</i>
<i>ARE YOU NATIONALLY CERTIFIED CAST TECHNOLOGIST?</i>			<i>YES</i> <i>NO</i>
<i>WHAT IS YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER?</i>			-----
<i>WHAT DATE DID YOU BECOME CERTIFIED?</i>			-----
<i>SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO (delete as appropriate)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HOME</i> • <i>BUSINESS</i>



A) PLEASE ATTACH YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION OR LIST RESPONSIBILITIES BELOW

B) PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF ANY TRAINING YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO DOCTORS/NURSES OR PARA-MEDICAL STAFF (*OVER PAST 3 YEARS*)

C) EDUCATION QUALIFICATION ACCRUED

CAREER HISTORY

EMPLOYER FROM TO OFFICIAL TITLE OF YOUR POSITION

EMPLOYER	FROM	TO	OFFICIAL TITLE OF YOUR POSITION



QUALIFICATIONS

LIST ANY PROFESSIONAL/SPECIAL SKILLS/TRAINING/QUALIFICATIONS CURRENTLY HELD

ORTHOPAEDIC TECHNOLOGY – CASTING, SPLINTING, RELATED COURSES (LAST 3 YEARS)

DETAILS OF ANY RELEVANT PERSONNEL COURSES

MEMBERSHIP OF HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ORGANISATIONS	MEMBERSHIP GRADING	OFFICE HELD	ARE YOU STILL A MEMBER



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1. ORTHOPAEDIC CONSULTANT SPONSER.

I AM PERSONALLY KNOWN TO THE APPLICANT AND THE PERSONS EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS. I HEREBY RECOMMEND THAT THE PERSON BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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DATE

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DATE



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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES;
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