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Specialist Section

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The Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health is a branch of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT). The membership includes occupational therapists from a variety of backgrounds, such as educators, researchers, occupational therapy staff and students, who have an interest in working in trauma, orthopaedics, prosthetic and amputee rehabilitation, rheumatology and musculoskeletal health, critical care and pain management. It promotes the development of high standards of professional practice in these areas.

All Specialist Sections are led by a National Executive Committee (NEC) made up of volunteers elected from the membership at the Annual Review Meeting (ARM). Members support fellow members at local and national levels across the United Kingdom (UK). All Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health members must also be members of RCOT.

The Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health, covers a wide range of clinical interests. As part of membership, there are regional groups and Clinical Fora which enable members to network within the same speciality or region and to support each other. Members can choose to join one or more of the Clinical Fora as well as a regional group.

Regional groups

- Scotland region
- Wales region
- Northern Ireland region
- Northern region
- Southern region

Clinical Fora

- **Prosthetic and amputee rehabilitation Clinical Forum** is intended for those working with upper and lower limb prosthetics, with individuals who have had acquired amputation(s) or congenital limb deficiency.

- **Critical Care Clinical Forum** aims to provide a platform for the exchange of information, ideas and developments for occupational therapists working in or with an interest in the area of critical care. Members will be supported with establishing local services and work jointly with the forum to develop resources, research and clinical
guidelines. The forum further aims to establish regular meetings, network events and training days for the benefit of members and promotion of this area of practice.

• **Pain Clinical Forum** is intended for occupational therapists interested in or working with people who have chronic and persistent pain conditions. This forum has been developed by occupational therapists with a passion and expertise in the field of chronic pain management to offer each other professional networking opportunities, provide support and advice. It aims to influence, develop, contribute and collaborate on national guidelines and local initiatives, working in partnership with RCOT and the British Pain Society and to raise awareness and develop knowledge and skill base of occupational therapy focused chronic pain interventions.

• **Rheumatology Clinical Forum** is intended for occupational therapists interested in or working with people who have arthritis and musculoskeletal health. The forum aims to improve knowledge, assessment and treatment by encouraging awareness of up-to-date approaches, exchange of ideas, continual professional development and research. It will provide expert knowledge and advice in influencing policy development and patient care, as well as assist in the development of resources and information working in partnership with RCOT.

• **Trauma and Orthopaedic Clinical Forum** is intended to provide a platform for occupational therapists working with patients or who have an interest in trauma and orthopaedics. The forum aims to establish networking events and study days to further raise the profile of occupational therapy within this speciality. As a new forum, it will establish how best to support and involve members to share expertise and information effectively. The forum aims to promote occupational therapy practice within trauma and orthopaedics.

**Aims of the Specialist Section**

• To improve knowledge and skills and promote best practice in the treatment of orthopaedic conditions; prosthetic and amputee rehabilitation; critical care; rheumatological and musculoskeletal health; and chronic and persistent pain management.

• To develop and sustain good national, regional, and specialist networks.

• To promote and encourage involvement in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities.

• To act in an advisory capacity to RCOT and other professional organisations.
Membership Benefits

- Annual conference.
- Regular regional meetings and learning events.
- Regional, specialist and national networks to share and offer support and advice.
- Regular newsletters and email updates that include articles, news, events and information sharing.
- Access to an information and resources via the web pages.
- Opportunity to represent the Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health with other organisations to promote occupational therapy practice and the profession.
- Bursaries: the Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health has £1000 per year available for small grants to support members to participate in CPD activities.
- Receive a new member’s handbook on joining.

For more information about the Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health please visit our website: rcot.co.uk/trauma

Q: How do I join Specialist Section – Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health?
A: For our current fees, membership enquiries and to download an application form, please see our website rcot.co.uk/trauma

Q: How long does my membership last?
A: The membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September and is renewable annually.

Q: Who can join?
A: Anyone who is a member of the RCOT.

Q: Can I belong to more than one Specialist Section?
A: Yes, you can belong to as many as you wish.

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