

communicating and accessing resources for supporting clinical practice internationally; 2) search and apply for financial support for the future activities in the group; and, 3) search, compile and recommend interventions for different rehabilitation phases, in adults and children with upper limb absence.

Discussion

Some clinicians have difficulty accessing information or relevant findings in upper limb loss/difference rehabilitation. They usually receive their knowledge from peers, by trial and error over the years or reading materials in some special fields. The *handsmart* platform will provide evidence based resources that are easy to understand and accessible worldwide. Hopefully this will improve the quality of upper limb rehabilitation.

The *handsmart group* is a non-profit group, and the members are working on a voluntary basis. We invite external parties involved in upper limb loss/difference rehabilitation (e.g. patients organizations, commercial companies, professional organizations, other team members) to collaborate and support the group. This may enable successful work in promotion of our mission and vision.

Disclosure

Though Ottobock initiated and was in charge of organizing and supporting the first meeting, the *handsmart group* is independent and follows international needs and interests of all people. There are no financial interests of this group.

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