

Handsmart Group is online: Communication and global peer support for those engaged in rehabilitation of individuals with upper limb absence

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Get involved and be part of the network



A platform for networking, sharing information, communication, accessing resources and supporting comprehensive clinical practice for international clinicians in upper limb prosthetics.

Establishing a network to improve communication among peers worldwide is a large pillar of the handsmart group. As a member of the *handsmart network*, clinicians will be supporting the handsmart group vision to provide the most holistic rehabilitation approach for every person with upper limb loss or upper limb difference, now and in the future. Members will receive updates and news from the world of upper limb loss and prosthetics. Joining the network will support to create the largest international rehabilitation network for upper limb loss and prosthetics. <http://handsmartgroup.org/join/>

Handsmart Non-Profit

The *Handsmart Group* is a non-profit educational organization, and donations to it are exempted from Federal Income Tax under IRS section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Federal Tax ID is 82-1410543. The group sincerely thanks everyone for their donation to the cause of networking, sharing information, communication, accessing resources and supporting comprehensive clinical practice for international clinicians in upper limb prosthetics.

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Handsmart Group

The *Handsmart Group* consists of 14 members of independent international therapists and prosthetists, who work on a voluntary basis. These experts are either independent practitioners or working with a company that specializes in upper limb loss rehabilitation, either in clinical or research-based settings. The financial officer is Sandra Ramdial, and the chair of this organization is Birgit Bischof.

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<https://handsmartgroup.org/team/>

Handsmart Purpose

The purpose of the *Handsmart Group* is to meet and exceed expectations as it relates to obtaining the best function and quality of life outcomes for individuals with upper limb loss. This will be accomplished in a coordinated clinical care continuum, with internationally respected and experienced experts in the field, and will provide clinicians worldwide the crucial foundational skills and knowledge to enable their patients to achieve the best possible outcome. These evidence-based outcomes will be demonstrated in one's ability to be as functionally independent as possible and to achieve their highest quality of life.

Timeline - from the start

