Find out more about joining the Specialist Section for Trauma & Orthopaedics
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The College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics is a branch of the College of Occupational Therapists (COT). The membership includes occupational therapists (OTs) from a variety of backgrounds, such as educators, researchers, occupational therapy (OT) staff and students, who have an interest in working in trauma, orthopaedics, limb deficiency and amputations. It promotes the development of high standards of professional practice in these areas.

The Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics is 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 & Orthopaedics members must also be members of the British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT).

There are regional and specialist groups within the Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics, which are open to all Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics members:

- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Northern regions
- Southern regions
- Upper limb prosthetic occupational therapists (ULPOTs)
- Lower limb prosthetic occupational therapists (LLPOTs).
Aims of the Specialist Section

- To improve knowledge and skills in the treatment of orthopaedic conditions, and limb deficiency and amputation.
- To promote best practice in OT in orthopaedics, trauma, amputees, and prosthetic rehabilitation.
- 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 COT and other professional organisations.

Membership Benefits

- Annual conference and annual review meeting.
- Regular regional meetings and learning events.
- A regional, specialist, and national network to share and offer support and advice.
- Regular newsletters and email updates that include articles, news, events and information sharing.
- Access to an informative and interactive website (with discussion board).
- Opportunity to represent the Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics with other organisations to promote OT practice and to scope service development in trauma and orthopaedics.
- Opportunity to participate in the development of practice guidelines.
- Bursaries: the Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics provides five bursaries annually to support members to participate in CPD activities.
Joining information

Q: Who can join Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics?
A: Membership is open to all occupational therapy staff and students who are a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists.

Q: How do I join Specialist Section - Trauma & Orthopaedics?
A: For our current fees, membership enquiries and to download an application form, please see our website: www.COT.org.uk/specialistsections/TO

Please send your completed application form along with payment to the membership secretary. Your membership certificate will be forwarded to you on receipt of the completed form and appropriate payment.

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

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