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Royal Decree to reform Orthoprosthesis Social Benefits in Spain

By FEDOP (Spain)

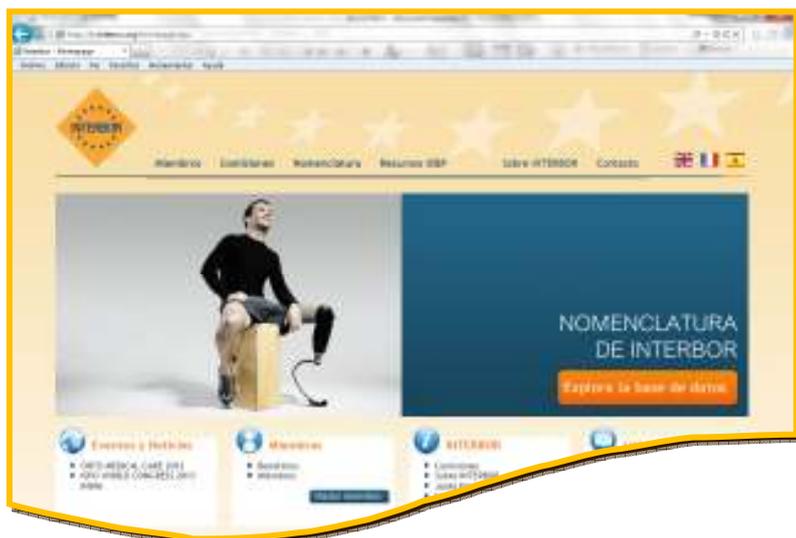
The Spanish Orthoprosthesis sector is suffering changes these months. A Royal Decree (1506/2012) has been approved in order to regulate a new orthoprosthesis portfolio of the NHS and to lay the foundations for the establishment of maximum amounts of funding.

Following the publication of a previous Decree in April (16/2012), the sector was waiting for its development in relation to orthoprosthesis benefits. Its draft and the objections to it have been analyzed by representative associations in recent months.

The decree establishes the basis to:

- 1) Determine the content of the new orthoprosthesis portfolio.
- 2) Establish maximum amounts of funding for each type of product included in the orthoprosthesis portfolio.

The objective of the Ministry of Health is to establish the same orthoprosthesis benefits in the whole country, and that funding was the same for all citizens of Spain. FEDOP, as a member of the Spanish Confederation of Orthopedics (CEO), has been actively involved in this review process carried out by the Ministry.



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Presentation of the VI FETOR Grant and new webpage

By FETOR (Spain)

The VI FETOR Grant was presented during Orto Medical Care 2012, fair held in Madrid in September.

The winner of this year has been Maria de la Torre (on the right), from Ramon y Cajal School in Barcelona, for her work called "Anaplastology: a world to know". The jury has appreciated the approach and treatment that the author makes about an issue so specialized.

The FETOR Grant is an award aimed at final year students of technical ortho-prosthetic schools of Spain, and this year it has also been opened to recently graduated.

Santiago Maza, President of FETOR, stressed the importance of a "good ongoing training, vital for a profession like ours, which is developed in the field of health."



New webpage

FETOR has a new webpage: www.fetor.org. With a modern and functional design, new sections and content, a number of technical improvements at the operational level, easy navigation and intuitive...

FETOR aims to achieve a faster and easier communication with its partners and to collect all kind of news relevant to the field of orthopaedics.

With this new site FETOR also bets on social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Blog), in order to maintain greater communication and interaction between all the members of the sector (professionals, companies, associations, institutions, schools, etc.).



FETOR new webpage.



UFOP gets a revaluation rate of 1,7% for 2012

By UFOP (France)

A gestation period of nine months to finally get an appreciation rate of 1.7% ... That is the decision of the Economic Committee for Health Products (CEPS) of October 2nd, applicable from the 1st of December 2012, after many exchanges, visits and appointments.

Background of economic crisis and Mediator and PIP trials, relations with the State are more complex than before. If the trust based on transparency of economic and financial data is not questioned, the threshold requirements for them are increasing.

In particular on the number of responses to the survey statistics and the extent of professional criteria: number of compa-

nies have implemented a survey of patient satisfaction, production time etc..

The collection of business information, now subcontracted to a pollster (Opinion Way) was closed on September 7, with rates of return net increase compared to previous editions, namely 66 cases which should be added a dozen forms too incomplete to be used statistically.

A result that, if we can meet the requirements of CEPS for next year, however, should not lead to a slackening of attention. Indeed, valuations subsequent to 2014, the threshold will be increased to 80 responses required complete records for 143 UFOP's members!

