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**Patient Matters Manual**

**CHAPTER 23 – AIDS AND APPLIANCES**

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**CARE OF THE PERSON FOLLOWING AMPUTATION: MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE**

**(Advised under IB2017\_030) (Rescinds PD2008\_015 and GL2008\_006)**

The NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) now has responsibility for clinical matters related to amputee care. Guidance should now be sought from the updated *Care of the Person following Amputation: Minimum Standards of Care* produced by the ACI Rehabilitation Network, available on the ACI's website at:

[https://aci.health.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/361687/ACI034-Interactive-PDF-of-care-standards-for-amputees-2.0.pdf](https://aci.health.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/361687/ACI034-Interactive-PDF-of-care-standards-for-amputees-2.0.pdf)

The person with an amputation may present to the NSW Health System across the care continuum and require support on their lifelong care journey. The document outlines the minimum standards that are expected of services in NSW in the provision of care to the person with an amputation or limb loss.

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (PD2020\_026)**

**PD2020\_026 rescinds PD2011\_027.**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

NSW Health provides assistive technology, primarily loaned to support health needs, to NSW residents who are not eligible for support through other schemes. NSW Health primarily loans assistive technology to support health needs.

This Policy Directive outlines the governance framework, eligibility criteria and the roles and responsibilities of NSW Health organisations for assistive technology provision across NSW Health. The approach to the provisions of assistive technology for NSW Health organisations, including EnableNSW and district equipment loan pools. All NSW Health organisations are expected to develop their own supporting guidelines.

**SUMMARY OF POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Assistive technology is provided throughout NSW Health (*Local Health Districts, Specialty Health Networks and HealthShare NSW (EnableNSW)*).

Assistive technology provided by NSW Health is standardised equipment, primarily loaned to people who are not eligible for aids and equipment through other schemes.

NSW Health provides appropriately prescribed, timely, cost effective and clinically necessary assistive technology to:

- Support health needs.
- Reduce or prevent risk of injury or illness that would result in admission or readmission to hospital.
- Facilitate timely and safe discharge from hospital.

**The Assistive Technology Policy and Procedures can be downloaded from:**  
**[https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=pd2020\\_026](https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=pd2020_026)**