Fact or Fiction: A Guide to Impending Concerns for the O&P Profession

With various challenges facing the O&P profession, O&P News asks what is real and what is not.

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On behalf of SLACK Incorporated, publisher of O&P News, I would like to congratulate members of our inaugural edition of the O&P News 175.

What is the O&P News 175? Simply stated, the O&P News 175 is a list of O&P professionals the editors and publisher have identified as leading innovators in the field of orthotics and prosthetics. We gathered together the names of practitioners, clinicians, educators, researchers, technicians, administrators and industry representatives we knew were working to reshape the O&P profession. The list is a good compilation of O&P professionals who either work to educate their colleagues; conduct research into new and novel technologies to advance the profession; continue the legacies and long-standing traditions of O&P businesses; or innovate the unique business aspects of the O&P industry.

The editors and publisher used no magic formula or algorithm to develop the O&P News 175 list. Rather, we went with our collected knowledge and experience with these individuals. Admittedly, we know we missed other O&P innovators, but overall, we believe it is a good list. We plan to use this list as a way to encourage discussion. Do you want to join the discussion? If so, please reach out to us and share your ideas and feel free to point out if you believe yourself or a colleague was inadvertently left off the list.

The O&P profession is a community and we believe the O&P News 175 is a tool for kick-starting conversations and expanding the community’s voice in health care. In future issues, we will share with you results of the surveys we conduct, video perspectives we gather and Round Table discussion we conduct with O&P News 175 members.

We look forward to your feedback and how we can best use O&P News and O&P News 175 to do even better for the profession.

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