



# Certified Clinical Anaplastology

## Practice Guidelines

The Scope of Practice statement describes the role of the clinical anaplastologist as a member of the health care team. This scope of practice is a "living" document that will evolve as the health care industry changes and technology expands.

### I. Professional Scope of Practice Statement

Clinical anaplastology is a systematic process that provides patients with prosthetic rehabilitation designed and fabricated to normalize the appearance of parts of the face and body impacted by congenital malformation, traumatic injury, disease, or ablative surgery. The specific processes inherent to the professional practice of clinical anaplastology include, but are not limited to:

- assessment of patient information/needs
- patient communication and management
- formulation of prosthetic treatment plan
- performance of clinical, technical and artistic procedures for prosthetic fabrication
- development and implementation of quality assurance procedures
- documentation and practice management

### II. Parameters of Profession

- Clinical anaplastology differs from prosthetics and orthotics in that the emphasis is on camouflage of the effected abnormal anatomy. The desired goal of any camouflage device or prosthesis is to assist in restoring optimal function and aesthetics.<sup>1</sup>
- Clinical anaplastology is a transdisciplinary health care service drawing upon art, science, medicine, and technology applied to prosthetic rehabilitation.
- Clinical anaplastology encompasses the subspecialty areas of custom-made facial, ocular and somatic prosthetics, as well as other emerging fields.
- Certification is considered the standard of practice in clinical anaplastology.
- Clinical anaplastology excludes intra-oral prosthetics and prosthetic devices that recreate the mobility or functionality of weight bearing limbs.

### III. Underlying Values:

- Treatment of patients requiring prostheses is delivered within a caring and supportive private office, clinical, and/or hospital environment.
- Clinical anaplastologists will adhere to the scope of practice and refer clients to the appropriate qualified health care provider when indicated.
- Clinical anaplastologists will provide patients with clear and realistic goals and expectations.

- Clinical anaplastologists will represent their education, training, qualifications and abilities honestly and function within the limitations of their education, skills, and credentials.

#### **IV. Clinical Anaplastologist Scope of Practice**

- The clinical anaplastologist practices in compliance with legal requirements that regulate the design, fabrication, and fitting of the prosthetic devices created.
- The clinical anaplastologist designs, fabricates, and fits each prosthetic device based on clinical assessment and a physician's order.
- The clinical anaplastologist is ethically bound to limit his/her practice to the scope of practice in which he/she has received education and clinical experience, and demonstrated competency,