

# PALLAVI SOOD

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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- **University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.**  
*PhD Student, Rehabilitation Sciences Department.*
- **University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.**  
*Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics.*
- **Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, India.**  
*Bachelors of Physiotherapy.*

## CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCES:

- **Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR), NF/SGVHS, Gainesville, FL.**  
*Research Assistant, August 2013 to present.*
- **Comprehensive Prosthetics and Orthotics, Peoria, IL.**  
*Board Eligible Prosthetist, October 2011 to July 2013.*
- **Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.**  
*Clinical Intern, January 2010 to April 2011.*  
Gained experience in Patient management, casting and fabrication to gain optimum fit and function of upper and lower extremity prosthetic componentry, and formulation of the treatment plan.
- **Human Engineering Research Lab, VA Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.**  
*Research Assistant, August 2009 to March 2010.*  
“Evaluate effectiveness of Upper Extremity Exercise Device in adults with Spina Bifida” under guidance of Dr. Brad E. Dicciano.
- **Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh, India.**  
*Physical Therapist, March, 2009 to July 2009.*  
Gained experience of working in both inpatient and outpatient units such as ICU, Orthopedic department, Neurology department, Burns, Cardiopulmonary and Surgery department.
- **Gyan Sagar College of Physiotherapy and Hospital, Chandigarh, India.**  
*Physical Therapist, Jan 2009 to Feb 2009.*

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENT:

- **Dean Bruce Baker Award, Pittsburgh, PA.**  
*University of Pittsburgh, March 2011.*
- **Sean and Stephanie Shimada Award, Pittsburgh, PA.**  
*University of Pittsburgh, Dec 2009.*
- **Certificate of Merit and Gold Medal, Mullana, India.**  
*M.M.I.P.R, Nov 20, 2009.*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Member of Indian Association of Physical Therapy

- Member of American Congress of Rehab Medicine
- Member of Orthotic & Prosthetics society of America

### **PUBLICATION:**

- Under review in JRRD journal: “*Self-Reported Functional Outcome Measure in the Field of Prosthesis: A Systematic Review*”.

### **CONFERENCES & PROCEEDINGS**

- “Fall Risk Assessment among Indian Older Adults”. Poster presentation at 56th Annual National Public Health Conference, India 2012.
- “Wheelchair Training Curricula in Rehabilitation Profession: Pilot Study”. Poster presentation at 140th American Public Health Association, San Francisco 2012.
- Self-Reported Functional Outcome Measure in the Field of Prosthesis: A Systematic Review”. Abstract published in Achieves of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Journal, conference issue 2011.
- Prosthetics and Orthotics spring conference, Pittsburgh, PA 2011.
- Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium, Orlando, FL 2011.
- Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation, India 2008.
- International Conference on Manual Therapy, India 2007.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

- **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Sports Ski Classic, Pittsburgh, PA.**  
*Volunteer, 25-27 Jan, 2010*
- **Social Chair**  
Quality of Life Technology Student Union (University of Pittsburgh & Carnegie Mellon University) 2010.
- **RSD Representative**  
GSC general body meeting (University of Pittsburgh) 2013 to present