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# Bionic Reconstruction Conference (BReCON)

The Future of Integrated Upper Limb  
Surgical & Prosthetic Innovation

**April 17-18, 2026 at  
Charlotte, NC**



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# Overview

Unfortunately, too often upper limb amputees suffer from residual limb pain, phantom limb pain, psychological distress and fragmented medical care. Caring for upper limb amputees requires a multi-disciplinary approach to achieve maximal outcomes. The Bionic Reconstruction Conference (BReCON) understands this need and has created an unparalleled experience uniting all of the requisite specialties as one international team to further all of our knowledge.

In this high-yield, two-day event surgeons, therapists, prosthetists and mental health professionals will discuss the cutting-edge approaches critical for holistic patient care. With multi-disciplinary panels, case-based breakout sessions, cutting-edge research papers and keynote addresses, this promises to be the most instructive course dedicated to the management of upper limb loss ever held.

Welcome to Charlotte and welcome to BReCON 2026!

## Keynotes include



Oskar Aszmann, MD



Max Ortiz-Catalan, PhD

## Key topics will include

- Advances in transhumeral and transradial amputation and related prosthetic technology
- Partial hand
- Osseointegration
- Surgical and rehabilitation approaches to pain
- Sensory feedback
- Brachial plexus injury
- Amputee Team Practice Evolution
- Limb Salvage
- Pushing Boundaries in Elective Amputation
- Reimbursement
- Mental health
- Frontiers of upper limb amputation research

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# Objectives

After participating in this activity, clinicians should be able to:

- Identify the appropriate UE prosthetics and accompanying surgeries for all types of UE amputations
- Identify the appropriate UE prosthetics for all types of UE amputations after the various types of surgeries performed
- Identify the appropriate UE prosthetics for all types of UE amputations and their unique OT needs

## Planning Committee



Glenn Gaston, MD



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*BReCON will incorporate a national and international emphasis to capture the experience of pre-eminent experts in this field. A unique format will highlight Keynote speakers, invited experts and an experienced multi-disciplinary panel. A skilled facilitator will actively engage both the panel and audience in order to illuminate the scope of experience of those in attendance.*

# Agenda

# Bionic Reconstruction Conference (BReCON)

Friday, April 17, 2026

7:00AM EST	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
7:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Glenn Gaston, MD / Bryan Loeffler, MD / Diane Atkins, OTR/L
<b>Osseointegration</b>	
Moderator: Omri Ayalon, MD	
8:00	<b>Osseointegration in Bionic Reconstruction</b> Rickard Branemark, MD
8:15	<b>Transforming Tremendous Loss Into Useful Function Through Osseointegration</b> Oskar Aszmann, MD
8:30	<b>On the Skin or Through It? How Should We Anchor an Upper Extremity Prosthesis?</b> Joseph Hsu, MD
8:45	<b>Osseointegration: The Walter Reed Experience with Upper Limb OI/Limb Salvage / Hand Transplants and the Standard Prosthetic Wearer</b> Scott Tintle, MD
9:00	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>Lend Me a Hand- Managing Partial Hand Amputees from a Surgeon and Prosthetist Perspective</b>	
Moderator: Glenn Gaston, MD	
9:15	<b>Optimizing the Residual Hand for Intuitive Prosthetic Wear</b> Bryan Loeffler, MD / Brian Monroe, CPO
9:25	<b>The Limitations with Our Current Options for Partial Hand Prosthetics</b> Jacques Hacquebord, MD / Chris Fink, CPO
9:35	<b>From the Roman Iron Hand to Multi-Articulating Digits: The Evolution of Partial Hand Prosthetics</b> Shaun Mendenhall, MD / Tim Bump, CPO

9:45	<b>What Good Feels Like - Patient Perspective</b> Jeff Soelberg
10:00	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
10:15	<b>Break</b> Posters / Exhibits to review

## Reimbursement and Insurance Authorization

Moderator: Diane Atkins, OTR/L

10:45	<b>Show Me the Money! Reimbursement Strategies for Physicians and Clinicians to Novel Surgical Interventions</b> Michael Choo, MD
10:55	<b>Panel</b> Panelists: Michael Choo, MD / Wendy Razzi / Steve Mandacina, CP
11:15	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>

## Research Paper Session 1

Moderator: Bryan Loeffler, MD

11:30-12:00	<b>Research Talks</b> Presentations accepted from abstracts submitted
12:15-1:15	<p><b>Lunch / Breakout sessions</b></p> <p><b>Select 1</b></p> <p><b>1. Multidisciplinary Approach to Elective Amputation / Preparing the Patient Mentally and Physically</b> Meghan Logeais, OTR/L / Noel So, MD / Kyle Eberlin, MD / Tim Bump, CPO</p> <p><b>2. Shared Decision Making with CPs and MDs</b> Karl Lindborg, CPO / John Rheinstein, CP / Shaun Mendenhall, MD / Ajul Shah, MD</p> <p><b>3. Upper Limb Osseointegration in Depth</b> Joseph Hsu, MD / Danielle Melton, MD / Brian Monroe, CPO / Michelle Nordstrom, OTR/L</p> <p><b>4. Therapy Workshop / Latest in OT &amp; PT / Advances in Pattern Recognition and Controls Training / Therapy Protocols</b> Marcie Siebert, OTR/L / Anna Bosendorfer, OT / Alta Fried, OTR/L / Amy Todd, OTR/L</p>
1:15-2:00	<b>Keynote: Highly Integrated Bionic Prostheses and Neurorehabilitation of Post-Amputation Pain</b> Max Ortiz-Catalan, PhD

## Amputee Team Practice Evolution

Moderator: Bryan Loeffler, MD

2:00	<b>In Support of the Home Team</b> Jason Souza, MD
2:15	<b>Evolution of the Orthoplastic Team Approach: from Limb Salvage to Amputation</b> Kyle Eberlin, MD
2:30	<b>Amputation Reconstruction and Limb Osseointegration: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Clinical Innovation in Canada</b> Hollie Power, MD / Jacqueline Hebert, MD
2:45	<b>Amputee Team Practice Evolution: The Diminishing Returns of Surgery when Unable to Move Beyond the 4 Critical Disciplines</b> Ajul Shah, MD / Mike Mikosz, CP / Alta Fried, OTR/L
3:00	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
3:15	<b>Break</b> Posters / Exhibits to review

## The Mangled Limb: When and How to Salvage a Limb

Moderator: Jacques Hacquebord, MD

3:45	<b>The Benefits of Persistence – Surgeon Sheath your Blade!</b> Paul Rai, MD
4:00	<b>Addition by Subtraction</b> Jason Souza, MD
4:15	<b>Bad to the Bone: Vascularized Bone Reconstruction of the Upper Extremity</b> Jason Ko, MD
4:30	<b>To Save or to Sever: An Orthoplastic Approach to Upper Limb Trauma</b> Hollie Power, MD
4:45	<b>Limb Salvage in the Upper Extremity</b> Scott Tintle, MD
5:00	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
5:15-6:30	<b>Light Reception</b> Posters / Exhibits to review

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

7:00	<b>Breakfast</b>
7:20	<b>Welcome</b> Glenn Gaston, MD / Bryan Loeffler, MD
<b>Advances in Control of Upper Limb Prostheses</b>	
Moderator: Max Ortiz-Catalan, PhD	
7:30	<b>Advances in Control of Upper and Lower Limb Prosthetic Devices</b> Paul Cederna, MD
7:45	<b>Old and New Techniques to Improve Motor Control When Traditional Options May Not Be Enough</b> Jaime Shores, MD
8:00	<b>Panel</b> Panelists: Mac Lang, CPO / Kristi Turner, OTR/L / Levi Hargrove, PhD
8:20	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>Regaining Function in Brachial Plexus Injuries with Bionic Reconstruction</b>	
Moderator: Jacques Hacquebord, MD	
8:40	<b>Nerve Transfers and Free Functioning Muscles to Neural Interfaces: The Evolving Frontier in Adult Pan Brachial Plexus Reconstruction</b> Alexander Shin, MD
8:50	<b>Function Over Form: The Paradox of Elective Amputation after Brachial Plexus Injury</b> Jason Ko, MD
9:00	<b>Bionic Reconstruction in Global Plexopathy</b> Oskar Aszmann, MD
9:15	<b>Panel</b> Panelists: Meghan Logeais, OTR/L / Andrew Nelson, CPO
9:25	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
9:45	<b>Break</b> Posters / Exhibits to review
<b>Sensory Feedback</b>	
Moderator: Omri Ayalon, CP	
10:15	<b>Novel Biologic Interfaces to Provide Sensory Feedback for Upper and Lower Limb Prosthetic Devices</b> Paul Cederna, MD

10:30	<b>Restoration of Digital Sensation and Proprioception after Transradial Amputation through Targeted Sensory Feedback Reinnervation as a Mechano-Neural Interface</b> Alexander Gardetto, MD
10:45	<b>Developing a State-of-the-Art Rehabilitation Approach Through Sensory Motor Training</b> Jacqueline Hebert, MD
10:55	<b>Home Use of Bidirectional Hand Prostheses: Psychological and Functional Outcomes from the iSens Clinical Trial</b> Dustin Tyler, PhD / Emily Graczyk, PhD
<b>Pushing Boundaries in Elective Amputation</b>	
Moderator: Oskar Aszmann, MD	
11:15	<b>The Unspoken Option: Navigating the Elective Amputation Conversation</b> Omri Ayalon, MD / Chris Fink, CPO
11:25	<b>“Elective” Amputation in the Setting of CRPS: Friend or Foe</b> Kyle Eberlin, MD
11:35	<b>Pushing Boundaries in Elective Amputation: What Lives in the Gray Will Seem Obvious in the Future</b> Ajul Shah, MD / Mike Mikosz, CP
11:45	<b>Courage, Choice, and Innovation: The Journey of Elective Hand Amputation in Bionic Reconstruction</b> Alexander Gardetto, MD
11:55	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>Lunch / Breakout sessions</b>	
<b>Select 1</b>	
<b>1. Advances in Controls</b> Max Ortiz-Catalan, MD / Paul Cederna, MD / Alex Vaskov, PhD / Michelle Nordstrom, OTR/L	
<b>2. Virtual Reality and Its Approach to PTSD and Pain</b> Glenn Gaston, MD / Marcie Siebert, OTR/L / Dennis McLoughlin (Harvard MedTech)	
<b>3. Case Discussions - Hits and Misses</b> Shaun Mendenhall, MD / Jason Souza, MD / Oskar Aszmann, MD / Hollie Power, MD	
<b>4. Therapy Workshop / Latest in OT &amp; PT / Functional Assessments / Outcome Measures / Promoting Independence in all Stages of Rehabilitation / Adaptive Strategies</b> Debra Latour, OTR/L / Meghan Logeais, OTR/L / Kristi Turner, OTR/L	

1:15	<b>Keynote: When Biology No Longer Suffices</b> Oskar Aszmann, MD
<b>Research Paper Session 2</b>	
	Moderator: Shaun Mendenhall, MD
<b>2:00-2:20</b>	
<b>Research Talks</b> Presentations accepted from abstracts submitted	
<b>How Can We Make Pain Less Painful?</b>	
	Moderator: Danielle Melton, MD
2:30	<b>Pain is a Power Drain- How Visualization can Trump the Brain and Relieve Devastating Chronic Neuropathic Pain in the Upper Limb Amputee and BPI patients</b> Jennifer Ernst, MD
2:40	<b>Paying Attention to the "Neglected Nerve": Strategies for Improving Nerve Based Pain</b> Jaime Shores, MD
2:50	<b>Innovative Solutions to Post Amputation Pain: From Multi-Modal Pain Control to Soft Tissue, Bone, and Nerve Surgery</b> Shaun Mendenhall, MD
3:00	<b>Optimizing Targeted Muscle Reinnervation for Pain: The Right Nerve(s), the Right Patient, and the Right Time</b> Hollie Power, MD
3:10	<b>Raising the Standard on Post-Amputation Pain Research</b> Max Ortiz-Catalan, PhD
3:20	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
3:45	<b>Closing Remarks / Award for Best Podium Presentation (from Abstract presenters)</b>
4:00	<b>Adjourn- Complete Course review</b>

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