**MiOTA Huron Valley Chapter Meeting Summary**

**Date**-February 8, 2023 (7 pm-8 pm)

**Speaker-**Paola Navarro

**Topic**-Prosthetics

**Presentation Title**-Naked Prosthetics

**Summary:** Paola Navarro of Naked Prosthetics (NP) gave a presentation highlighting the possibilities of enhancing client function when experiencing finger loss. Paola gave a review of current prosthetic solutions available. She then shared pictures, video clips, and testimonials of patients using three NP products including the PIP drivers, MCP drivers, and thumb drivers. Additionally, she discussed the psychosocial impacts of finger amputations. Client personal goals determine whether or not he/she is a good fit for a NP device. The interdisciplinary team works to fabricate an individually and uniquely made device that directly relates to the client’s goals. Such goals for engaging in meaningful occupations might include any of the following: typing, catching a ball, exercising, cutting food with a knife, fastening buttons, tearing a page from a notebook, driving a car, using tools, turning on a stove, giving a baby a pacifier, drinking from a water bottle, playing a saxophone, squeezing hand brakes on a bike and more. The prosthetics have an option for adding a conductive fingertip for smartphone and other device use. In addition, NP has developed a support group for individuals with partial hand loss and caregivers to create a safe and supportive community for this population. These prostheses are most easily funded through workers compensation. The service life of each device is 3 years. If you would like to learn more you can visit their website at:

[Naked Prosthetics | It's All About Function | Prosthetic Fingers (npdevices.com)](https://www.npdevices.com/). If you would like to host an educational event at your location you can reach out to info@npdevices.com. If you are interested in where you can find NP products or education, you can contact paola.navarro@npdevices.com.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2023 Advocacy Day**

March 2, 2023

**Management Of Neurological Disorders Using Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) Webinar**

Mar 14, 2023

**Implications Of Michigan Joining The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact**

Apr 5, 2023

**Spring Virtual Conference**

April 15, 2023

*Featuring licensure renewal sessions such as pain and DEI*

**2023 MOTEC Fieldwork & Capstone Educator Days At Western Michigan University**

May 19 2023

**Documentation: "It Is Our Professional Responsibility"**

Jul 26 2023

**Excellence Awards: OTR Award of Excellence; COTA Award of Excellence; Roster of Fellows; Distinguished Service Award; Certificate of Appreciation; Legislative Award; Departmental Membership; Honorary Member Award; Master Clinician Award**

Nominations Due September 15, 2023

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