

Friedbert Kohler has been serving on the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) Executive Board since 2013 and is currently President of the Society for the term May 2017-October 2019.

As senior specialist and director in rehabilitation medicine, he holds several academic and institutional functions:

- Associate Professor, Conjoint Associate Professor, University of New South Wales;
- Clinical Stream Director, Aged Care and Rehabilitation, South Western Sydney Local Health District;
- Director of Medical Services, Braeside Hospital;
- Chair: Age and Ageing Clinical Academic Group, Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research and Enterprise

His most influential recent publication (co-author) is: "Randomised controlled trial on inpatient versus non-inpatient rehabilitation following total knee replacement." Published JAMA March 2017, 11 citations by 30 June 2018; UNSW paper of the year 2017

Clinical achievements include the introduction of an outpatient model of care for individuals following amputation and establishing and expanding geriatric outreach into residential aged care facilities (RACFs) and the community to minimise or eliminate unnecessary presentations to Emergency Departments and facilitate early transfer back to RACFs

He is involved in multiple projects with WHO.

In early 2018, Friedbert was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) by the Australian Government in recognition of his longstanding, dedicated contributions to rehabilitation medicine services in Australia and internationally.