

# JOAN HACKEN

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I have many years working experience in Physiotherapy rehabilitation in particular with children and young adults in the area of neurological impairments. For example, due to Acquired/Congenital Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, motor disorders and medical conditions. I have combined my knowledge as a physiotherapist in the clinical field with my passion to participate and excel in sport and officially became a para-sport classifier in 1995 For CPISRA first prior to also becoming internationally recognized as a classifier for World Para Athletics, UCI para Cycling and Para Taekwondo.

## EXPERIENCE

**DATES FROM 1984– 1989**

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST, NHS**

Varies hospital in London including the Neurological hospital (neuro rehab) , St Mary's (orthopedic rehab), Chichester Hospital ( rehabilitation both orthopedic and neurological)

**DATES FROM 1990– 1999**

**SENIOR CLINICAN PHYSIOTHERAPIST, CEREBAL PALSY ALLIANCE (AT THE TIME KNOWN AS THE SPASTIC CENTRE OF NSW)**

Providing clinical guidance to all physiotherapists and aquatic physiotherapist in company besides clinical workload with children from 0 till 18 years.

**DATES FROM 1999– 2017**

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST/DIRECTOR, CASWELL HEALTH CARE (TRADING AS REHAB ON THE MOVE AND CHILDFIRST)**

Providing clinical guidance to all physiotherapists and aquatic physiotherapist in company besides clinical workload with children from 0 till 18 years.

**DATES FROM 2017-2018**

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST, CASWELL HEALTH CARE**

**DATES FROM 2018-**

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST/DIRECTOR, WALK ABOUT PHYSIO PTY LTD**

Providing clinical services and consultancy services as a physiotherapist in the area of neurological conditions such as Acquired or congenital Brain Injury, spinal Cord injury and varies movement/moto disorders. A special interest in dystonia and dyskinetic disorders. Main workload with children from 0 till 18 years but also see young adults. Provide reports to Lawyers an Expert Witness for Physiotherapy needs and Life plans for therapy and equipment needs.

## EDUCATION

**1980-1984,**

**PHYSIOTHERAPY DEGREE,** AKADEMIE LEFFELAAR ( AMSTERDAM, NEDERLAND)

Clinical practice Cum Laude. Small thesis in Education of medical and physiotherapy students via topic driven research and assignments rather than classroom lectures. Large Thesis on Ankle Taping and its neuro sensory effect versus immobilizing effect.

**1974-1980**

**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE,** MONTESSORI LYCEUM AMSTERDAM

Pre-university courses in Dutch, German, English, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology ( all average scores 85%)

## SKILLS

- Strong skill set up preparation and provision of educational and clinical learning skills to physiotherapy and adult students
- Patience, calm in difficult situations, good sense of humor, willing to accept failure and mistakes and take responsibility
- Analysis of situation
- Movement disorder and biomechanical knowledge
- People skills

## ACTIVITIES

I have attended and worked at Paralympic games as a classifier and sports official (Boccia referee '96) since the 1996 games in the following sports.

1996 CPISRA sports. 2000 CPISRA sports, 2004 CP football and Boccia, 2008 Chief classifier Boccia, 2012, chief classifier CP football, 2016 Classifier UCI paracycling.

I have taught many international classification courses since 1996 in both CPISRA sports as well as Para Cycling and Para-Taekwondo classification.

Have attended many international competitions and/or educational workshops in all continents as a classifier or chief classifier for varies Para-sports.

Assistant chair of classification Committee WF para taekwondo and UCI para-cycling.

Provide consultancy and physiotherapy reports for Paralympics Australia and (Para) sports organizations in Australia.

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