



Step 1 Education and Support

A pre-amputation consult is extremely valuable in preparing the patient for their prosthetic rehabilitation. The goal of this visit is to reduce the anxiety the patient feels about the upcoming amputation and help them prepare for the rehabilitation process. When possible, a **Peer Visitation** can be arranged. The Peer Visitation offers the patient the opportunity to speak directly with someone who has undergone a similar procedure and has returned to a high level of function.

As part of this pre-amputation consultation, Rockford Orthopedic Associates provides each patient and their caretaker with an education packet that includes brochures, manuals, and a video for explaining the prosthetic care process.

Step 2 Flo-Tech Residual Limb Protector

The Flo-Tech is a removeable plastic protective device that is applied in recovery immediately following trans-tibial amputation. The device provides protection to the healing limb while allowing access for inspection and wound dressing.

A compressive shrinker can be applied after sutures have been removed. Early weight bearing is not recommended for vascular patients.

Step 3 Rehab and Prosthetic Fitting

We continue to follow patients after their hospital discharge and work closely with rehab physicians and therapists to determine when each patient is ready for a prosthesis. At that time, the fitting process is expedited and delivery of the prosthesis can be performed within two weeks.



Steps Beyond...

Patients are followed as needed after their rehabilitation experience. They are seen in our office for routine follow ups and to address any problems that arise as they use their prosthesis. Changes in the patient's medical condition or prosthetic needs are communicated to the surgeon and physician throughout the care process.