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**Local Orthopedic Surgeon Co-Authors Important Study on  
Amputation Procedure Practiced by Limited Number of Specialists**

ROCKFORD, IL July 28, 2010 ... Dr. Andy Blint, of Rockford Orthopedic Associates, Ltd., co-authored an article published in the June 2010 issue of *Orthopedics* and on [ORTHOSuperSite.com](http://ORTHOSuperSite.com), the number one online newswire source for reports on emerging technologies, techniques and medical therapies in orthopedics. Titled *Osteomyoplastic and Traditional Transtibial Amputations in the Trauma Patient: Perioperative Comparisons and Outcomes*, the article reported findings on the outcomes of amputation osteomyoplasty patients versus the traditional amputation procedure.

Amputation osteomyoplasty is a little known surgical method for below-the knee amputations that pays particular attention to soft tissues and establishes “bone-bridging” between the tibia and fibula bones that studies indicate provide more ideal and comfortable weight-bearing for the amputee. Developed over 90 years ago but little used, the innovative technique returns the end of the extremity to as normal an anatomic, physiologic, and biologic state as possible.

Blint, fellowship trained in orthopedic trauma surgery, is the only surgeon in the region currently practicing the method, which multiple studies confirm may be more beneficial than traditional amputation.

“Many amputees experience discomfort and difficulty tolerating weight bearing after traditional amputation,” explained Blint. “But I have found that amputation osteomyoplasty offers a larger, more stable end-bearing construct that is more biomechanically sound for the fitting of prosthetics and provides improved balance and comfort for my patients.”

Dr. Blint’s practice at Rockford Orthopedic Associates is focused on trauma-related injuries including pelvic, severe, and multiple long-bone fractures, limb salvage, and on deformity correction. He is actively involved in continuing medical education as Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and provides specialized orthopedic trauma training for Rush University Medical Center’s Residency Program.

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