

From Amputation to Prosthesis

A Timeline to Guide You Through the Process

Undergoing amputation and being fitted with a prosthetic device is probably not something you ever expected to do. In order to help you understand what can be a confusing experience, Alltech Prosthetics has prepared the following guide to take you through the process. *

Step 1: New Amputee Consultation

(prior to your amputation or 3-5 days after your amputation)

ALLTECH will schedule a time to see you in your physician's office, hospital, therapy center or your home to give you and your family an overview of the prosthetic process and what you can expect in the coming weeks.

Step 2: Prosthetic Evaluation And Treatment Planning

(1-3 weeks after your amputation)

ALLTECH will schedule a time to professionally evaluate and plan for your prosthesis. Measurements will be taken, detailed questions will be reviewed. This is when your prosthetist will begin to plan and design the type of prosthesis you are best suited for (with input from your physician).

Step 3: Suture Removal By Physician

(2-4 weeks after your amputation)

After your physician has removed your sutures and/or staples and you have been cleared to begin treatment, ALLTECH will provide a residual limb compression garment called a shrinker to control the edema and begin shaping the residual limb for prosthetic use.

Step 4: Prosthetic Shrinker Management

(4-6 weeks after your amputation)

You must wear a residual limb shrinker for 1-2 weeks or until all edema has been removed from your limb.

Step 5: Casting For Initial Prosthesis

(7-8 weeks after your amputation)

ALLTECH will schedule a time to see you to take measurements/castings of your limb. This casting will be used to create a template or a TEST socket of what your prosthetic socket will be shaped like.

Step 6: Test Socket Fitting

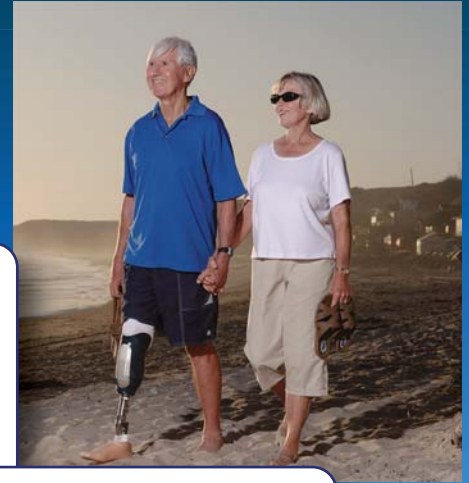
(8-9 weeks after your amputation)

ALLTECH will schedule a time to see you to try on the TEST socket. The TEST socket is a fitting aide used by your prosthetist to assess the accuracy and design of the prosthesis. If the fit of the TEST socket is ideal, this socket design will be used to create your PROSTHETIC SOCKET. If the fit is not appropriate, an additional casting/measurement or TEST socket fitting may be required.

Step 7: Delivery And Final Fitting Of Initial Prosthesis

(9-12 weeks after your amputation)

ALLTECH will schedule a time to see you to deliver and fit your initial prosthesis. Application/removal instructions, fit assessment and overview of how to use prosthesis will be conducted at this visit. Follow up visits will be required by your prosthetist as you learn to use your prosthesis. Recommendation may be made by your prosthetist and/or your physician to begin physical therapy and gait training after receipt of your prosthesis.



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* Please note: Every situation is unique. This timeline is provided for you to use as a general guide and is based on optimum healing conditions and prompt responses from outside parties (insurance companies, other medical providers, etc.) The timeline for your prosthetic device may be longer.

