



Below Knee Prosthesis Instructions

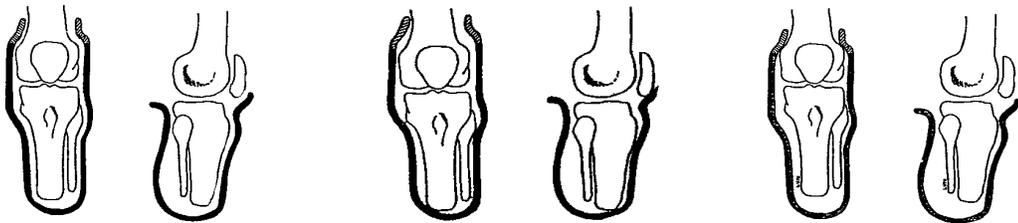
For systems with soft insert and supracondylar wedge

Applying

1. Put a 1-ply or 2-ply prosthetic sock onto residual limb.
2. Remove the soft foam insert from the prosthesis.
3. Slip insert onto residual limb. Sometimes this involves giving a “wiggle”- type motion as donning procedure is completed.
4. There should be mild resistance when applying the insert. If your leg slides in easily, then the insert is loose. Remove insert, add socks, and start again.
5. The top portion of the insert or wedge should come up over the inside of your knee. This will provide suspension for the prosthesis.



6. Add a nylon sock over the outside of the insert and place into the prosthetic socket.
7. Check the position of your knee cap in relation to the socket as shown below:



Fits well

Too loose, add socks

Too snug, remove socks

8. Check sock fit throughout the day. Usually, as the day progresses, volume is lost and socks need to be added. Remember; pain at the bottom of the limb often feels the same whether you have too few or too many socks. If too few, there is often pressure at the base of the knee cap as well as at the bottom. With too many socks, there is often pressure on the sides of the knee as well as the bottom.

Removing

1. Pull your limb and insert out of the socket.
2. Remove the soft insert and any socks from your limb.

Cleaning

1. Wear clean socks daily. See the sock package for cleaning instructions.
2. Wipe soft insert out with a damp cloth and clean with a mild soap. Non-scented antibacterial soap is recommended (i.e. Softsoap, Ivory, etc.). Dawn dishwashing liquid and Dial antibacterial soap are not recommended.

Poor hygiene often causes skin irritations, infections, and is a major part of tissue breakdown.