

Lower limb amputations

Personal Injury

Types of Lower Limb Amputations:

- Toe/s amputations
- Foot amputation, including the ankle
- Below the knee amputation (Transtibial amputation)
- Knee disarticulation including Gritti-Stokes
- Above the knee amputation (Transfemoral amputation)
- Hip disarticulation
- Hemipelvectomy (removal of part of the pelvis also)

Effect of Lower Limb Amputations

The removal of part or all of one or both of your legs can have a totally catastrophic effect on your ability to function on a day to day basis. Your level of function can be severely affected after an amputation, whether that is as a result of an accident or medical negligence.

The loss of one leg can often be compensated for with the use of sophisticated prosthetic aids and a lot of patients can recover so that they do not require any assistance with walking or indeed running!

However the loss of both of your lower limbs can necessitate the use of a wheelchair, which will require major adjustments to your home life, your employment, your accommodation and your levels of independence.

How will compensation help me or my child?

Having the funds to pay for care, aids and equipment and prosthetics can make a huge difference to the level of independence you can enjoy. The level of help you need will depend on the extent of the amputation and the nature of the stump and can also vary depending on your age and general health.

There is also a significant psychological effect following an amputation with a period of readjustment, which can be a significant hurdle and you may benefit from psychological therapy or support from a counsellor or amputation nurse.

There are a number of specialist rehabilitation services who we work with who can provide highly trained staff to support you through your recovery with physiotherapy and general activities to regain your capabilities and confidence.

Often adaptations to your home will also assist or re-training to allow you to return to remunerative employment.

Some of our clients have commented that:

“When I met Louise I was fitted with an NHS prosthesis which was uncomfortable. Louise arranged for me to have physiotherapy with a fantastic physiotherapist who taught me how to walk properly on my prosthetic limb. Royds Withy King then arranged for me to be supplied with prosthetics on a private basis. I was fitted with a work leg and a home leg which were much more comfortable than the NHS prosthesis. I have now moved into a bungalow and just bought a new puppy. My life is now complete again. Thank you Royds Withy King”.