

Upper limb amputations

Personal Injury

Types of upper limb amputations:

- amputation of a finger/s and/or thumb
- amputation of the hand and/or wrist
- wrist disarticulation
- amputation below the elbow (transradial amputation)
- amputation of the arm above the elbow (transhumeral amputation)
- shoulder disarticulation
- amputation of the shoulder blade and collar bone (Forequarter amputation)

Effect of upper limb amputations

The removal of part or all of an arm can have a 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.

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:

“I have been impressed with your service”.

“I feel very upset for my son that he has to go through these difficulties in life and that he will be handicapped in terms of what he is able to do in the future. I want to be able to provide him with as much assistance and equipment as he needs in order to lead as normal a life as possible. My son has always shown strong determination to get on and be as normal as possible and I was to totally encourage him in that.” Mrs X, Mother of a child missing both of his lower upper limbs.