

Delaware Limb Loss Studies

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Low Back Pain and Limb Loss Study

What is it?

A study evaluating associations between low back pain and function among adults with lower-limb loss. If eligible, you would be asked to complete a questionnaire packet related to your personal characteristics, low back pain, and function. If you have a transfemoral (i.e., above-knee) amputation, you may be asked to participate in a clinical evaluation of your balance and walking, and wear an activity monitor for 7 days.

You may be eligible if...

- You have a transtibial (i.e., below-knee) amputation or transfemoral (i.e., above-knee) amputation ...
 - Are ≥18 years-old.
 - o Have had low back pain for at least 3 months.
 - o Use your prosthesis for at least 4 hours per day.
 - o Do not have any amputation of the opposite leg (other than toe amputations).

Time Commitment:

Questionnaire Packet (can be completed at home): 30 minutes

Optional Clinical Evaluation (must be completed on-site): 45 minutes

Only for those with a transfemoral (i.e., above-knee) amputation.

Potential Compensation:

Up to \$10 in gift cards (\$5 gift card for questionnaire packet completion; additional \$5 gift card for participation in the clinical evaluation)

Data Collection Locations:

- 1. Delaware Limb Loss Studies Lab, 540 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713
- 2. Amputee Coalition National Conference
- 3. Adventist HealthCare Rehabilitation, Silver Springs, MD

- 4. Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics, Inc., Newark and Dover, DE; Philadelphia, PA
- 5. Real-Life Prosthetics, Abingdon, MD
- 6. Dankmeyer Prosthetics-Orthotics, Linthicum, MD

If you fit any of the criteria above, please call (302) 831-7142 during business hours (Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm) to be screened for participation.