



# 14 Questions to Ask Your Prosthetist

Finding a prosthetist who understands the unique issues involved with limb amputation is important in getting the best functional outcome with your prostheses.

The **Amputee Coalition** suggests the following questions to help you evaluate a prosthetist's experience level:

- 1 Have you fit many people with my amputation level?
- 2 How many patients have you fit in the past 6 months? In the past 12 months?
- 3 May I speak with another client for whom you have made a similar prosthesis to what I will wear?
- 4 Are you certified through any professional organizations?
- 5 Is your lab equipped to make repairs to my prosthesis or will it be sent out to another location?
- 6 Is your office "in network" with my insurance plan? If not, what are my options?
- 7 If there is a difference between what my insurance pays and what you charge, am I responsible for paying the difference?
- 8 What are my options regarding type of prosthesis?
- 9 What are the pros and cons of each type?
- 10 What is your comfort level and familiarity with specific socket designs and with various manufacturers' components?
- 11 What are my options regarding the fit of my prosthesis?
- 12 What are my options regarding the appearance of my prosthesis?
- 13 Do you work with a therapist or therapy group on training for optimal use and success?
- 14 Are you willing to work with me to find the best prosthetic tools to use in my daily activities?