

Mastectomy Products



Do you know about the Angel Closet?

The Angel Closet was established by Newton Medical Center (NMC) to help breast cancer patients with no insurance to get supplies needed after surgery or during cancer treatment at no cost.

They are stocked with:

- ♦ Bras & prostheses for after a mastectomy
- ♦ Wigs, Turbans, Scarves, & Hats
- ♦ Pressure pillows and Suzy bags

If you have gently used items that you would like to donate to the Angel Closet you can bring them to our office. Or call the Angel Closet directly at **(770) 385-4169** if you:

- ♦ want to donate your gently used items
- ♦ want to make an appointment
- ♦ need info about their monthly breast cancer support group

They also accept financial donations through the medical center's auxiliary.



Phantom pain is no ghost story

Studies suggest that up to 80% of amputees will experience phantom pain in their lifetime. This phenomenon is often confused with residual limb pain or with phantom sensation. These three are all distinctly different and affect the patient in different ways.

✦ Phantom sensation is that feeling that the amputated limb is still present and it may even itch or feel cold occasionally.

✦ Residual limb pain is the result of trauma and is like any other traumatic pain.

✦ Phantom pain is far more mysterious and unpredictable. It occurs without warning and can be very intense.

For more information go to:

www.survivinglimbloss.org/pain_information.html

He who toots not his own horn Does not get his horn tooted

Able Prosthetic Care Inc. is now a fully accredited facility through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics.

Daniel Holzer, the president of Able Prosthetic Care, Inc., is licensed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and in August was elected to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists.



Too Hot To Trot



The weather has been extremely hot this year and as a result we've had numerous inquiries about what to use to eliminate perspiration and odor caused by wearing suction suspension liners. Until recently there were no products designed specifically for amputees to use inside of a prosthesis where heat and sweat become a real problem. Some patients have used normal deodorants and antiperspirants but these often cause skin irritation inside of an air tight suspension liner. The good news is that several companies have seen the need for specialized antiperspirants and deodorants.



We have selected the two most effective new products and now have in stock the Alps antiperspirant and the SPS odor eliminator.

Follow-up visits

When we see patients who have been fit with a new prosthesis or who for one reason or another have developed a fit issue, we try to insure they receive good follow-up care. Occasionally a patient will not return for those follow-up visits. This is where we see most of the problems experienced by amputees. If you have a fit concern or if you are wearing a new prosthesis it is very important that you follow-up to prevent problems or correct them as soon as possible.



All it takes is the courtesy of a phone call.

At Able Prosthetic Care, Inc. we realize that your time is precious. We do all we can to insure that when you have an appointment, you will be seen with little or no wait. This requires us to schedule carefully and allow ample time to take care of the needs of each patient. By the same token we need the assistance of our patients to stay on this careful schedule. The most helpful thing to us is for patients to let us know when they will not be keeping an appointment. This way we can make more efficient use of our time.

Insurance News OOPS

In our last news letter we inadvertently left one of the insurance plans off of our list. We are on the Kaiser insurance plan but for mastectomy products only.

Its time to get away for a little while.

It's been quite a while since we took a vacation. So we're going to pack up the minivan and head off to some place more tropical. As if it's not hot enough around here.

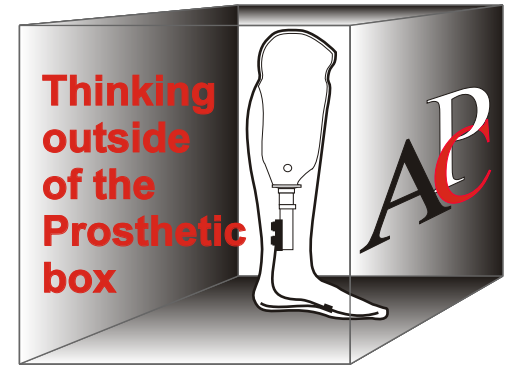
Our office will be closed



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What's New

Liner Hooks,
a great way to store your suspension liners when not in use or while drying. The hooks are available in 5 colors and simply press onto the lock pin. These are free with the purchase of a new set of liners but are also available as a separate item.



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