

Prosthetist



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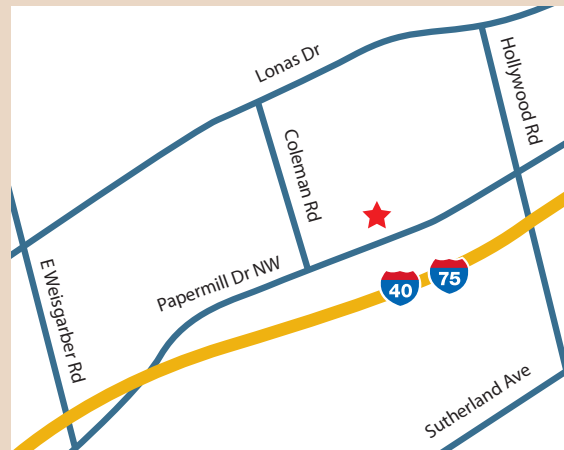
Zach Weber is a skilled prosthetist certified by Northwestern University Prosthetic and Orthotics Center. He is a graduate of Bowling

Green University with a degree in Applied Health Science and completed his residency at The Surgical Clinic in Nashville, Tennessee.

Zach previously worked as a prosthetist/orthotist technician for Marshall-Kloene Orthopedics.

His interest in prosthetics developed at age 19 following a traumatic accident that led to the amputation of his lower leg. As a patient, he was involved in research and development with prosthetic device manufacturer Ohio Willow Wood. Through personal experience, he understands the importance of perfect fit and practical function in restoring quality of life for amputees. He is an expert on advanced designs and focused on clinical excellence.

Zach specializes in lower extremity limb loss, rehabilitation, vacuum-assisted technology and microprocessor prosthetics.



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Why is Premier the right choice for prosthetic care?

Premier offers these advantages:

- Prosthetic care initiated prior to surgery and supervised by a surgeon
- On-site medical doctors to provide urgent care when needed and treatment supervision to ensure that prosthetic goals are met
- Ongoing research programs and trials for new technology not available at any other Tennessee prosthetic facility
- A specialized fitting process to create a unique prosthesis suited to the individual
- New surgical techniques developed through active dialogue between the surgeon and prosthetic professionals
- An amputee peer counseling network



We invite you to meet with us to learn about our care philosophy, gather information and assess your options. We believe that you will agree that Premier is the right choice for you.

What can I expect after amputation surgery?

Most patients experience the following post-surgery timeline:

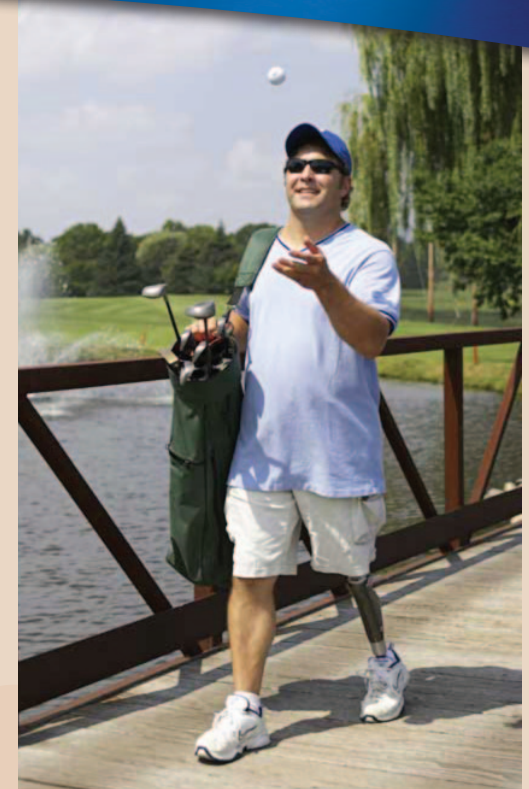
- Fitting with a shrinker once the sutures are removed. The shrinker is used to control swelling of the residual limb and/or shrink it in preparation for a prosthetic fitting.
- Prosthetic measurement and fitting a few weeks after surgery, when the wound is healed and tissue swelling has decreased.
- The prosthetist will prescribe an exercise program to increase patient strength and function.
- Most patients can return to normal function within several months. Recovery rates are primarily affected by the individual's goals, a timely, comfortable prosthetic fitting, good follow-up care and a positive attitude.

Will I be able to do all the things I could do before I lost my limb?

Losing a limb does not mean that you need to alter your lifestyle. Many amputees achieve and exceed their goals for physical activity.

How long should my prosthesis last?

Prosthetic components are designed to last from two to four years, depending on how they are used. The socket is also designed to last for two to four years, although most sockets must be replaced sooner as a result of changes in the residual limb such as weight loss, revision surgery or increased activity level.




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