

-STATEMENT OF PURPOSE-

This group is designed to provide people who have had an amputation or family, friends and caregivers of those who have had an amputation the opportunity to talk freely about problems, concerns, and frustrations, and to share information, encouragement, helpful hints, and support. Through your participation in this group, you can learn more about amputations and meet others with similar interests.

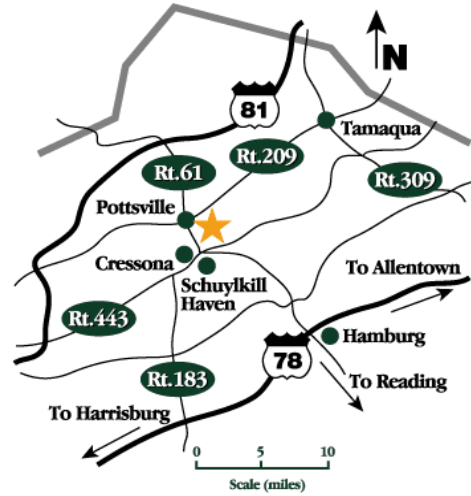
-WHAT HAPPENS AT MEETINGS-

Meetings are open to the public and may include lectures with question and answer sessions, given by various medical experts, review of current literature/ research, and general discussions among members. Educational sessions may include films, handouts, seminars, or problems of daily living. Generally the meetings last about 1 hour. Everyone is encouraged to participate at their own comfort level.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month 12:00 p.m.

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**Amputee
Support Group**

-WHAT IS AMPUTATION?-

Amputation means removing (usually through surgery), part or all of your extremities. This can include your toes, feet, legs, fingers, hands, or arms.

-REASONS FOR AMPUTATION-

There are many reasons why people need to have amputations. These include:

- ✓ Severe infection in an extremity
- ✓ Diabetes with associated infection to an extremity
- ✓ Cancer in an extremity
- ✓ Traumatic events, like car accidents, resulting in severe injuries that cannot be repaired

- TREATMENT-

Amputations are most often performed surgically. There are usually few complications following an amputation, but occasionally infection and blood loss do occur. Most patients heal quickly and without complications.

- PROGNOSIS-

Thanks to current technological advances, there are prosthetic limbs which are available. These limbs can be cosmetically appealing, as well as functional for daily life skills.

-THE MOST COMMON CONCERNS VOICED BY PATIENTS-

- ✓ What will I look like?
- ✓ How will I feel?
- ✓ Will I be able to walk again?
(If lower extremity amputation)
- ✓ Will I be depressed?
- ✓ How will my family or spouse react to how I look?
- ✓ Will I be able to work again?

These questions and some others may be what you're thinking. The support group can help you get your answers.