

Glossary of Terms

AK Amputation:	An amputation above the knee
Ambulation:	The medical term for walking
BK Amputation:	An amputation below the knee
Contracture:	When muscles shorten making it difficult to straighten a limb
Donning/ Doffing:	Taking your prosthesis on and off
Extension:	Straightening your limb/joint
Flexion:	Bending your limb/joint
Phantom Limb:	The sensation that an amputated limb is still attached to the body
Ply:	The thickness of a sock
Prosthesis:	Medical term for artificial leg, foot, arm or hand
Prosthetist:	The medical professional who designs, fabricates and fits prosthesis
Range of Motion:	The degree of motion in a joint
Residual Limb:	The remaining portion of the amputated limb
Shrinker Socks:	Compression socks used to reduce volume in an amputated limb
Volume:	Amount of swelling in a limb