

LIMBS FOR LIFE



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Loss of limb increases mortality rate

The mortality rate of lower extremity amputations is greater than that of most cancers.

After 30 Days	30%
After 1 Year	40%
After 5 Years	77%

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Increased risk of vascular disease

Diabetic patients are at increased risk of developing vascular disease within 5 years of onset, with rapid progression over the next 5 years.

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Micro vs Macro Vascular Disease

- Macrovascular disease (large “compromised” blood vessels, such as arteries) management medically, endoscopically or surgically
- Microvascular disease (tiny “compromised” blood vessels, such as those in extremities and eyes) treatment with Hyperbaric therapy

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Be proactive

A patient may be at risk if one of the following exists:

- Older than 60 years of age
- Older than 50 years of age if positive for risk factors (high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoker, family history of vascular disease)
- Older than 40 years of age with diabetes

Positive signs and symptoms of vascular compromise:

- Leg pain with exercise
- Non-healing wounds, decreased hair growth on ankles and feet, redness of the feet when sitting or when feet are dangling

American Diabetes Association and American Heart Association

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Specialty wound care services

Delays in needed therapies can allow open wounds to progress to a severity involving underlying structures and systemic infections. In these cases, aggressive wound healing is necessary.



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