

# Few commonly asked questions...

### When does Buckner want to meet the Amputee?

We would like to meet the amputee as early as possible, so we can begin to prepare them for the journey ahead. We are happy to meet the patient in our clinic or yours prior to the amputation to discuss their individual plan. We often meet each amputee acutely post-op in the hospital. We review a "Welcome Packet" designed to educate and comfort the new amputee and their family. We are happy to answer all questions regarding the prosthetic process. We look forward to earning your trust in our Prosthetic skill set, so that we can create this level of team work in the future for our joint patients.

#### Is your team well trained in the specialty of Prosthetics?

All 6 Buckner Practitioners have been to an ABC Accredited School and are ABC Certified. We
have all served as residents and passed the necessary board exams to receive our credentials (6
years of school and minimum 2 years of residency). Mississippi does not require such a high
level of training to practice; however we believe your patients deserve this level of service and
care.

#### When do you prefer to fit a shrinker on the amputee?

 We prefer to fit the patient with a shrinker around staple or stitches removal. This protocol has worked well for us. However, we defer to your judgment on this timeline if you prefer a different time frame. \*\*We can see this patient at your office when needed with a little notice if transportation is an issue\*\*

#### Do you gait train our patients after fitting their devices?

Yes, we do take great pride in our patients being optimal walkers relative to their comorbidities.
 We spend a great deal of time gait training your patients and creating relationships with their physical therapists to maintain the continuum of care.

## Do Buckner Practitioners "follow up" with their amputees?

 This is a very important aspect of prosthetic care and we conduct a very strenuous follow up protocol. We see the patient as often as needed to insure quality service and we always make sure the patient understands how to manage their own treatment. Small details such as donning and doffing the device, care of skin integrity, safety tips, and general family education are SO important to the well-being of our patients.

#### Please call Buckner Prosthetics if you have any more questions. 601-944-1130.