



## A Few Commonly Asked Questions:

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

- We would like to meet them as early as possible for psychological and therapeutic reasons. We want to prepare them mentally and physically for the journey ahead. Please call us to the hospital to consult with these patients before or after surgery. My team and I believe true prosthetic rehab begins at this meeting, far before the patient is physically healed enough for prosthetic fitting.

### 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 table. **\*\*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 we also create relationships with their physical therapist to maintain the continuation 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 ensure quality service, and we always make sure the patient understands how to manage their own treatment. Small details such as Donn and Doff training with device, care of skin integrity, 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.