**Considerations to Guide Clinical Decision Making in the Management of Amputees in Acute Care: A Pre-Clinical Learning Module for DPT Students**

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* **Student Learning Objectives.**

The DPT student’s learning of the topics in the educational module will be guided by learning objectives, and will be tested with student self-examination. Student learning objectives include:

* Students will be able to identify unique barriers common to the amputee patient in the acute care setting, and how these have potential effect on the individual’s health, function, and safety.
* Students will be familiar with and understand the importance of utilizing evidence based outcome measures that are appropriate for the amputee patient in the acute care setting.
* Students will have adequate knowledge to make informed clinical decisions and appropriate discharge plans for the acute care amputee patient.
* Students will appreciate how the PT’s role in conjunction with interdisciplinary team contributes to global social and systemic issues, such as readmission rates and federal healthcare expenses.
* **Suggested Resources**
* BACPAR [Outcome Measure Toolbox](http://www.csp.org.uk/sites/files/csp/secure/toolbox_version_2.pdf) (Cole et al. 2014)
* BACPAR [Clinical Guidelines for The Pre and Postoperative Physiotherapy Management Of Adults With Lower Limb Amputation](http://www.csp.org.uk/sites/files/csp/secure/bacpar_guidelines_2006.pdf).(Broomhead et al. 2006)
* BACPAR [Guidelines for the Prevention of Falls in Lower Limb Amputees](http://www.csp.org.uk/sites/files/csp/secure/falls_prevention_lowerlimb_amputees.pdf).(Blundell et al. n.d.)
* Amputee Coalition: Find [Support Resources for Amputees](http://www.amputee-coalition.org/support-groups-peer-support/how-to-find-support/) (ie. certified peer visitor, support groups, [Spanish](http://www.amputee-coalition.org/limb-loss-resource-center/spanish/) resources.
* [AustPAR.com](http://www.austpar.com/index.html) -- Australian Physiotherapists in Amputee Rehabilitation. This has content specific to Amputee Care, including: gait analysis with videos, acute care content and post-operative goals, treatment, etc.