Resource Guide for Persons with Limb Loss

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Amputee Networks/ Support Groups

Ann Arbor
University of Michigan
Community Amputee Network (U-CAN)
1st Tuesday of each month, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
University of Michigan Orthotics & Prosthetics Center
2850 South Industrial Highway, Suite 400
Contact: Carla Vollmer, Limb Loss Support Coordinator
Nora Rosenblum, LLMSW, Clinical Social Worker
734-975-7432
cvollmer@umich.edu
General Information: 734-973-2400
http://pmr.med.umich.edu/op

Bay City
Amputee Clinic
1st Tuesday of every other month, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
McLaren Bay Regional Medical Center
Center for Rehabilitation on West Campus
3190 E. Midland Road
Contact: Gretchen Fournier
989-667-6736
General Information: 989-667-6600
gretchen.fournier@mclaren.org

Clinton Township
Empower
2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
20554 Hall Rd
Contact: Justin
586-868-7000
info@empowerfitness.com

Detroit
Amputee Support Group
3rd Thursday of each month, 2:30 to 3:30 pm
Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan
1st floor - SportsAbilities Room (across from the security desk)
261 Mack Ave
Contact: Benjamin T Ringelberg, CTRS
313-745-0725
BRingelb@dmc.org
Grand Blanc
**Flint Area Amputee Support Group**
Level Eleven Grand Blanc Physical Therapy
1st Tuesday of each month, 5:30-7:30 pm
10293 South Saginaw Rd
Information: 810-771-7686

Grand Rapids
**Amputee Meet-up**
2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30
Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital
1840 Wealth St SE
Contact: Jamie DuVerney
616-774-8170
[Jamie.Duverney@spectrumhealth.org](mailto:Jamie.Duverney@spectrumhealth.org)

Hartland
**Amputee Firefighters Association**
Contact: Dave Dunville
248-889-4311
[ampfireassoc@aol.com](mailto:ampfireassoc@aol.com)

Holland
**West Michigan Amputee Coalition**
Contact: Jon Cummings
616-355-3970
[joncum@hollandhospital.org](mailto:joncum@hollandhospital.org)

Jackson
**Amputee Meet-Up**
3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Disability Connections
409 Linden Ave
Contact: Jen Lacey
517-740-0572
[jlaceyaep@gmail.com](mailto:jlaceyaep@gmail.com)

Kalamazoo
**Western Michigan Amputee Meet-up**
1st Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm
Borgess Medical Center, Lawrenceville Education Center, room 125
1521 Gull Rd
Contact: Jen Lacey
517-740-0572
[jlaceyaep@gmail.com](mailto:jlaceyaep@gmail.com)
**Lansing**

**Amputee Meet-Up**
3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Sparrow Professional Building
Conference Room C (2nd floor)
1200 E. Michigan Ave
Contact: Jen Lacey
517-740-0572
jlaceyaep@gmail.com

**Midland**

**Step-up Amputee Group**
2nd Thursday of every month, 4:00-6:00 pm
Mid-Michigan Medical Center
4000 Wellness Drive
Contact: Jeanie Johnson
989-249-9400

**Royal Oak**

**SE Oakland County Amputee Support Group**
1st Tuesday of each month, 4:30-6:00 pm
Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital
7th Floor Rehab Dining Room
North Entrance - Central Towers
13601 W. 13 Mile
Contact: Kim Armitage
248-376-7973
Bionicwmn1@att.net

**Niles**

**Michiana Amputee Resource Group**
4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm
Memorial Hospital, 3rd floor
Contact: Terry Willis
269-240-8771
tew1946@gmail.com

**Saginaw**

**Step-up Amputee Group**
Meetings held January thru May only
4th Thursday of each month, 4:00-6:00 pm
Covenant Healthcare
Michigan Campus
515 North Michigan Avenue
Contact: Jeanie Johnson
989-249-9400
Trenton
Downriver Limb Loss Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 4:00 to 5:45 pm
Oakwood Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
2707 W. Jefferson
Contact: Chris Casteel
734-552-9225
CTCasteel@comcast.net

Ypsilanti
St. Joseph Mercy Health System Amputee Support Group
2nd Wednesday of each month, 4:30 to 6:30 pm
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute Lobby
5325 Elliot Drive
Contact: Natalie Palay
734-712-3583

Amputee Coalition
For a listing of support groups nearest you please contact
900 East Hill Avenue, Suite 285
Knoxville, Tennessee 37915-2568
Toll-Free: 888-267-5669
Knoxville: 865-524-8772
http://www.amputee-coalition.org/

Case Management
NADR—National Association of Disability Representatives
www.nadr.org/
P.O. Box 96503 #30550
Washington D.C. 20090-6503
202-822-2155
A not-for-profit national referral service for claimants seeking representation and information about
Social Security Disability, continuing disability reviews, and over payment and under payment
problems.
Referral line — 800-747-6131

National Association of Professional Geriatric Case Managers
http://www.caremanager.org/
3275 West Ina Road, Suite 130 Tucson, AZ 85741-2198 520-881-8008
Professional Geriatric Care Managers serving families who are caring for older and/or disabled
relatives. The GCM is trained and experienced in any of several fields related to care management,
including nursing, gerontology, social work, or psychology, with a specialized focus on aging and
er elder care. Web site includes senior resources.
Finances

Barr Foundation Amputee Assistance Fund
http://www.oandp.com/resources/organizations/barr/ fund/
This Fund will pay for materials and fitting of a new prosthesis up to the schedule after financial need has been established by the Prosthetist. Details are listed in the Barr Foundation Amputee Assistance Fund Guidelines. The amputee and the Prosthetist complete an application form which are then reviewed and verified. The approval process takes approximately 4-6 weeks. It is suggested that the amputee be evaluated by the Prosthetist that may be sponsoring him/her, prior to them requesting an application in the amputee's name. Please provide the Prosthetist with the amputee's name, address, date and level of amputation and telephone number. The Prosthetist considering sponsorship must request the application directly by calling 561-391-7601.

Limbs For Life Foundation
http://www.limbsforlife.org/
The Limbs for Life Foundation is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to providing fully functional prosthetic care for individuals who cannot otherwise afford it and raising awareness of the challenges facing amputees. Our goal is to provide a financial bridge between low-income amputees and the quality prosthetic care needed to restore their lives. Since the foundation began in 1995, we have helped over 7,700 amputees obtain the prosthetic care that enabled them to move forward with their lives.

Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund
http://ucpmichigan.org/at/loan-funds/michigan-assistive-technology-loan-fund/
© United Cerebral Palsy Michigan
3496 Lake Lansing Rd., Ste. 170
East Lansing, MI 48823
Toll Free: 800.828.2714 (Michigan only)
Phone: 517.203.1200
Fax: 517.203.1203
Email: ucp@ucpmichigan.org
Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund allows people with disabilities and seniors (or their family members) to purchase assistive technology devices or services, including modification of vehicles and homes. Loans may also cover cost of training to use the purchased equipment, warranties, and service agreements.

American Bar Association
http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html
321 North Clark Street Chicago, IL 60654-7598 312-988-5000
Lawyer Referral Directory
http://apps.americanbar.org/legalservices/findlegalhelp/home.cfm
Legal Services
Locating a Lawyer—Amputee Coalition Fact Sheet
http://www.amputee-coalition.org/fact_sheets/loc_lawyer.html
The Amputee Coalition does not maintain a list of lawyers and does not offer an endorsement. The following Internet Search Engines can help you find an attorney near you for help with your specific issue.

American Bar Association
http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html
321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL  60654-7598 312-988-5000
Lawyer Referral Directory
http://apps.anerucabbar.org/legalservices/findlegalhelp/home.cfm

Organizations
AgrAbility
http://fyi.uwex.edu/agrability/
National AgrAbility Project
Breaking New Ground Resource Center
Purdue University
ABE Bldg., 225 South University Street
West Lafayette IN 47907-2093
The vision of AgrAbility is to enable a high quality lifestyle for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities.

Michigan Regional AgrAbility Contact List
http://agrability.org/Contact-lists/projectscontact.cfm#MI

Amputee Coalition
http://www.amputee-coalition.org/
900 East Hill Avenue, Suite 290 Knoxville, Tennessee 37915-2568 888-267-5669
Toll-Free: 888/267-5669
The Amputee Coalition is a national nonprofit consumer educational organization whose mission is to reach out to and empower people affected by limb loss to achieve their full potential through education, support and advocacy, and to promote limb loss prevention. The ACA includes individual amputees, amputee education and support groups for amputees, professionals, family members and friends of amputees, amputation or limb loss related agencies, and organizations.
Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL)
http://www.aacil.org/
3941 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48108 734-971-0277
The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (part of the Disability Network-Michigan) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the success of children, youth and adults with disabilities at home, at school, at work and in the community. The CIL can help you with: career services, long term care options, resources for community living, sports and recreation, computer/technology and much more.
For a CIL in your county see: www.virtualcil.net/cils/

Mismatched & Single Shoes—ACA Fact Sheet, 2010
http://www.amputee-coalition.org/fact_sheets/oddshoe.html
The organizations in the list below can accept donations of single shoes in good condition and may be able to assist in locating single shoes as well. The list also contains retailers that offer single shoes for sale.

Orthotic & Prosthetic Assistance Fund
http://www.opfund.org/
Our primary mission: Enabling individuals served by the Orthotic and Prosthetic community to enjoy the rewards of personal achievement, physical fitness and social interaction.