



*The only national, comprehensive, evidence-based, and unbiased source of information and services for the limb loss and limb difference community.*

## About the National Limb Loss Resource Center®

There are 2.1 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference and 28 million more at risk for amputation. When they have questions, they turn to the National Limb Loss Resource Center®, the only national, comprehensive, evidence-based, and unbiased source of educational information and peer support services to promote prevention, recovery, reintegration, and the health of individuals with limb loss and limb difference.

Run by the Amputee Coalition through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the National Limb Loss Resource Center® has a long history of bipartisan support that funds:

- ▶ **Certified Peer Visitors:** More than 1,500 volunteers provide one-on-one support to make sure nobody goes through the limb loss journey alone.
- ▶ **Support Groups:** Over 400 support groups across the country give people a regular sense community – including virtually, which is crucial during the social isolation of COVID-19
- ▶ **Information and Resources:** Our dedicated and certified staff connects individuals with the answers and services they need free of charge, no matter where they live.
- ▶ **Online Library:** Community Connections, a 24-hours-a-day library of national, state, and local resources.
- ▶ **Hospital Partners:** Ensures that patients have the educational and peer support resources they need for recovery and reintegration before they leave the clinical setting.
- ▶ **Veterans and Wounded Warriors:** Partnerships and volunteer programs with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) help ensure our veterans and wounded warriors continue to get the care and support they need.

## COVID-19

The National Limb Loss Resource Center's services have been needed more than ever during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Americans living with limb loss and limb difference are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection because the same underlying health conditions that most often result in amputation, such as diabetes and cancer, are the same conditions that make people more vulnerable to COVID-19. We are meeting those challenges by:

- ▶ **Shifting to Virtual:** Immediately pivoted all events, programs, and services online to meet people where they are, created new virtual support groups, and updated our Peer Support App, which includes protected, in-app video chat for virtual peer visits at home or in the hospital. These new programs have been so successful we plan to continue them after the pandemic.
- ▶ **Continually Updating Resources:** Developed new COVID-19 fact sheets and other informational resources to help our community navigate the challenges of the pandemic.
- ▶ **Mental Health and Well-Being:** Increased and strengthened strategic partnerships to broaden the scope and reach of our mental health and emotional well-being supports for community members through the social isolation of the public health emergency.

## Support the National Limb Loss Resource Center®

Please support the National Limb Loss Resource Center at the level of \$5 million in FY2022 to continue to invest in these vital services and grow our ability to reach and serve the limb loss and limb difference community through the pandemic and beyond.



If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Amputee Coalition at [advocacy@amputee-coalition.org](mailto:advocacy@amputee-coalition.org).

Learn more about the National Limb Loss Resource Center®, the Amputee Coalition, and the limb loss and limb difference community at [Amputee-Coalition.org](https://www.amputee-coalition.org).