Defining the Needs of the Limb Loss/Limb Difference Community

The mission of the Amputee Coalition is to reach out to and empower people affected by limb loss to achieve their full potential. The only way to accomplish this goal is to discuss lived experiences with PwLL/LD and discover shared and unique goals. The community survey was one of the first steps to assist the Coalition to better understand the community we seek to support.

Identified Top Priorities of the LL/LLD Community

Areas where resources are needed:

- Techniques for better sleep: 55%
- Integrated care: 49%
- Expand peer support groups: 48%

Areas where resources are sufficient:

- Stress resources by identity/group (e.g., LGBTQ+): 26%
- Medication to treat mental health: 27%
- Wound care: 28%

Physical health priorities:

- 01 | Strength and balance 15%
- 02 | Improved device comfort and performance 14%
- 03 | Access to a prosthesis 13%

Mental health priorities:

- 01 | Ability to exercise and expand mobility 26%
- 02 | Improved sleep 17%
- 03 | Satisfaction with employment or ability to return to work 7%
Addressing the Needs of the Community

Call to Action / The Amputee Coalition is dedicated to working with stakeholders to prioritize needs of the community identified by this survey. Here’s how you can make it happen:

1. Advocate for policies that address both physical and mental health needs
2. Advance policies that address age appropriate needs of the amputee community
3. Support policies that encourage early identification of problems that could lead to LL/LD
4. Address institutional challenges unique to people with disabilities (e.g., navigating the ADA)

Other Ways to Help

Fund
The National Limb Loss Resource Center

Support
Additional Research Efforts

Expand
Access to Care and Support

Connect