An Update on the LLPR: Are You Involved in This Transformational Resource?

I know you understand that the lack of current and reliable data for those living with limb loss and limb difference has impacted the ability of the O&P community to provide standardized comprehensive care, thereby affecting the quality of life for patients. You may not be aware that there is a solution.

The Limb Loss and Preservation Registry (LLPR) was created to collect data nationally for the acquired and congenital limb difference and limb preservation populations—for both upper and lower extremities. The LLPR is a collaborative data hub and accumulates valuable data, integrating hospital, prosthetist, orthotist, and patient-reported outcomes data to produce a comprehensive view of patient care. As a collaborative data hub, the LLPR provides hospitals and O&P providers the opportunity to work together and revolutionizes management of patient care for healthcare professionals, insurance companies, and patients.

It was developed and supported by the U.S. Department of Defense and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Since its impetus, AOPA has been a supporter of it and encourages its membership to participate. As data in the registry increases, healthcare professionals, manufacturers, researchers, and patients will enter a new era of personalized care, fueled by comprehensive aggregated data transformed into information to improve quality, safety, and treatment protocols in the O&P industry.

The registry has partnered with OPIE, OPSolutions, and Nymbl to make exporting the uniform data elements convenient. It is designated a Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) moderate impact level secure database. Providers push their data to the registry—the LLPR does NOT and cannot access a provider's electronic medical records system.

At this time, there is no cost to join, send data, and receive basic dashboard reports from the registry. Beginning in 2024, subscription plans offering varying levels of benchmarking, progress, and performance will be available for purchase.

You may ask what participating means for you. Using the data from the LLPR, practitioners, clinical leaders, and operators can:

- Evaluate treatment options and care plans to improve and maximize patient function
- Set meaningful, realistic, and consistent goals and objectives with patients and the care team
- Access insights that can lead to earlier care interventions and predictive indices
- Critically assess the care provided compared to regional and national benchmarks
- Use patient population and social disparities to risk-adjust outcomes.

For smaller practices, participating in clinical registries allows facilities to effectively leverage larger volumes of data and requires no additional practitioner time to collect information.

AOPA Executive Director Eve Lee, MBA, CAE, recently said it best in a video: “When you restore mobility for even one patient, you actually get them up and mobile and fully participating in their lives, in their communities, in their families, and in their work life, so that you have full members of society able to reach their full potential.”

Currently there are seven hospital providers and 16 O&P providers, totaling more than 185 patient-care locations. To learn more and to join these providers, visit llregistry.org.

Very truly yours,

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