Westcoast Brace & Limb Joins National Limb Loss & Preservation Registry

Tampa, FL — Westcoast Brace & Limb (WCBL), experts in orthotic and prosthetic care for more than 50 years, has joined the national Limb Loss & Preservation Registry (LLPR) in the goal of generating knowledge about which advances and treatments improve the outcomes of patients with congenital and acquired limb loss and limb difference. Consistent with quality registries that focus on other health populations, the LLPR collects universal data elements and links hospital-, provider- and patient-reported outcomes over time. The Registry strives to alleviate significant data gaps, increase access to care and improve care models related to limb loss and preservation in the U.S.

“The Limb Loss & Preservation Registry is critical for the future of patient care, advances in technology and a range of other sustainable efforts in the field of prosthetics,” says Bridget Lawler Augustine, LPO/CPO (Chief Operating Officer). “The data gap is considerable, and, in some cases, available statistics are over two decades old, and longitudinal data has never been collected.”

The Registry, led by Mayo Clinic and under contract with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Defense (DoD) is currently enrolling both orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) providers and hospital systems. The LLPR represents key stakeholder groups including health care team members, researchers, regulators, manufacturers, payers, industry representatives and patient groups. The LLPR provides data to compare the effectiveness of different surgical approaches, assess the efficacy of different clinical practices and evaluate different assistive technologies.

“With patient care locations across the central and west coast of Florida, Westcoast Brace & Limb is proud to partner with the LLPR to address a substantial public health knowledge gap by giving clinicians and researchers the ability to benchmark limb loss statistics and analyze data by age, gender, type of limb loss, preservation surgery, orthotic and prosthetic” says Greg Bauer, LPO/CPO (President). “Most importantly, it gives us the ability to ask new questions.”

About Westcoast Brace & Limb
Since 1971, Westcoast Brace & Limb has served the Tampa area as dependable and dedicated orthotic and prosthetic professionals with a steadfast commitment to education and excellent patient care. WCBL has forged integral relationships with physicians, therapists, case managers and hospitals around the country and even abroad. A state-of-the-art, in-house fabrication lab and team of O & P experts, allows WCBL to offer the latest innovations and technology, while understanding patient’s unique needs. WCBL’s mission remains, to provide unsurpassed orthotic and prosthetic care by focusing on the whole patient, empowering individuals with the tools they need to lead independent lives. With multiple locations and on-call providers, WCBL provides a team approach to patients, local hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, schools, and multiple area specialty clinics to ensure easy and seamless care for all patients. Visit www.WCBL.com and follow on Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook.

About The Limb Loss & Preservation Registry
The Limb Loss and Preservation Registry (LLPR) is a pioneering national program dedicated to enhancing limb loss treatment and preservation quality. By centralizing patient data and leveraging analytical insights, LLPR empowers informed care decisions and improves patient outcomes. Visit www.llpregistry.org and follow on LinkedIn and Instagram.

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