



Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the promotion within Parliament and Whitehall of the PREVENTION OF LIMB LOSS and the provision of prosthetic, orthotic, wheelchairs & special seating and other vital rehabilitation services/technologies for ALL PERSONS WITH LIMB LOSS in the UK and Internationally.

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MY FEET WERE BURNED AWAY

Veteran praises Royal College of Surgeons;

“My feet were burned away. Both my legs had to be amputated below the knee. But for the skills of the Surgeons I would have been amputated above the knee. The ring finger on my left hand was ripped out. It was unsightly and my grip was impaired. They painlessly removed the residual knuckle - I now have excellent grip and no-one ever notices I have a missing finger. Vets who lose their limbs in Iraq and Afghanistan are getting even better skills and treatment.”

Our correspondent from World War 2 wishes to remain anonymous. He was sharing the good news that with support from the Vascular Society, Cordis Endovascular and the Limbless Association, the Royal College of Surgeons of England is holding an Amputation Course on 26-27 January 2010 aimed at the multi-professional surgical team who undertake amputations.

There will be hands-on sessions and a multidisciplinary faculty of vascular, plastic, orthopaedic, general surgeons, anaesthetists and rehabilitation experts who will cover the techniques of all the amputations from digital amputations to hind quarter.

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Editor’s Note: Amputations are commonly performed procedures. There is a relatively high failure and revision rate for amputations. The functional results can also be improved by well performed amputations. Most amputations are performed in elderly patients with peripheral vascular disease, but occasionally these procedures are required in younger patients with non-salvageable limb injury or tumour. There are a variety of amputation techniques ranging from toe amputation to the rare hind quarter amputation. Traditionally these procedures have been taught on the job, but the changes in training and working hours make it desirable for the principles of these procedures to be taught outside operating theatres. This course aims to provide an in-depth understanding of the principles and techniques of all amputations with the opportunity to practice these cadavers under the supervision of an experienced multi-disciplinary faculty.

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