The Amputee Coalition is the leading, national nonprofit organization working to support people with limb loss. Our mission is to reach out to and empower people affected by limb loss to achieve their full potential through education, support and advocacy, and to promote limb loss prevention.

SUPPORT THE MISSION

The Amputee Coalition has designated April as Limb Loss Awareness Month to raise awareness about limb loss and limb loss prevention. To learn more, go to amputee-coalition.org.

LIMB LOSS IN THE U.S.A.

- **2.1 Million** People living with limb loss.
- **185K** People have an amputation each year.
- **507** People lose a limb each day.

1,558 military personnel lost a limb as a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

3.6 million people will be living with limb loss by 2050.

36% of people living with limb loss experience depression.

85% of lower-limb amputations are preceded by a foot ulcer.

FACTS

- Lifetime healthcare costs for people with limb loss is $509,275 compared to $361,200 for people without limb loss.
- Hospital charges for patients who underwent an amputation totaled $10 billion in 2014.
- African Americans are 4 times more likely to have an amputation than White Americans.

LIMB LOSS COMMUNITY INCIDENCE

- **Gender of Amputation Patients, 2014**
  - Female (31%)
  - Male (69%)

- **Age at Amputation, 2014**
  - <1 (0.2%)
  - 1-17 (1%)
  - 18-44 (11%)
  - 45-64 (46%)
  - 65-84 (36%)
  - 85+ (6%)

LIMB LOSS COMMUNITY PREVALENCE

- **Causes of Amputation**
  - Vascular Disease (54%)
  - Trauma (45%)
  - Cancer (2%)

- **Types of Amputations**
  - Upper limb (35%)
  - Lower limb (65%)

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