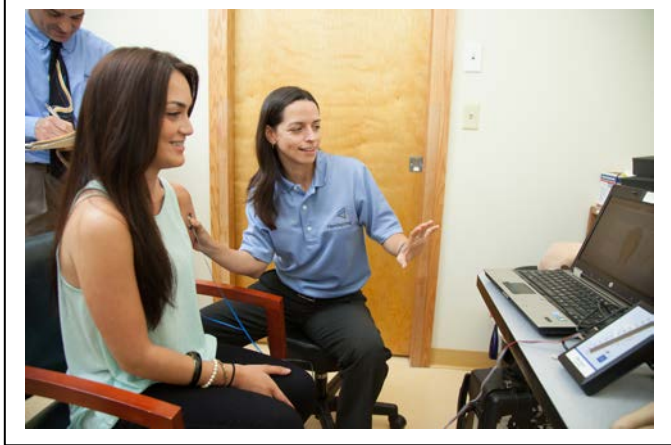




Hudson Valley Amputees Receive Attention from Worldwide Experts *Unique Opportunities for Hudson Valley Upper Limb Amputees*

Middletown, NY – July 20, 2012 – Today, seven amputees received highly customized, prosthetic evaluations from some of the most highly-trained prosthetic clinicians in the world. The clinical team at **Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates** worked closely with the clinical experts from **Ottobock**, the worldwide leader in upper limb prosthetic manufacturing, to provide a truly unique opportunity for these upper limb amputees.



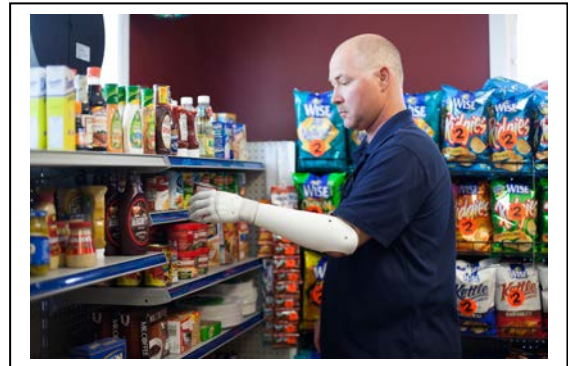
Each person met individually with a clinical team including both occupational therapists and prosthetists. Together, these clinicians have well over 100 years of experience and have presented about upper limb prosthetics to medical groups around the world.

Each patient's evaluation included not only an assessment to determine their compatibility with myo-electric prosthetics but each person also had the opportunity to learn more about the latest advancement in upper limb prosthetics, the **Michelangelo Hand**.

“Prosthetic technology has progressed to never before seen levels of functionality over the past 3 to 5 years,” said **Thomas Passero, Certified Prosthetist and President of Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates**. “As an organization, we have focused on being the clinical intermediary that brings cutting edge prosthetic innovations from the development labs of manufacturers and universities to the real world here in New York and throughout New England. Our clinical team understands how to take complicated devices and use them to create simple solutions to our patients' issues in their daily lives.”

The upper limb amputees also had the opportunity to meet with John German, one of less than 50 patients in the United States who are currently wearing the Michelangelo Hand. “It was really amazing to see how far prosthetics has continued to progress,” said John German, a long time prosthetic wearer. “The things that the Michelangelo can do are really amazing.”

Please contact Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates at 845-956-0001 to schedule a free, personal prosthetic evaluation and to learn more about the dramatic advances available in upper limb prosthetic technologies.



About Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates

Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates was formed in 1989 by Tom Passero, CP. The company is anchored in Middletown, NY and recently moved into a newly-constructed, 6,000 square foot office in the Wallkill business development near the Crystal Run Healthcare complex. Besides their new facility in Middletown, Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates provides clinical, insurance support, and administrative expertise for their offices in Kingston, New York City, Poughkeepsie, and Mahwah, New Jersey. (www.poaprosthetics.com)



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