

# Referred to an Orthotics, Prosthetics or Pedorthics Provider?

If you aren't quite sure what orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics are, you are not alone. Below is a quick primer:

- **Orthotics:** external bracing to support muscles that are weakened or dysfunctional due to disease process or trauma.
- **Prosthetics:** artificial limbs
- **Pedorthics:** therapeutic shoes and inserts

According to Ted Snell, CP, LP, President of CFI Prosthetics Orthotics and Past President of the American Orthotics Prosthetics Association: "Seeing a provider in our field can be very different from being referred to a physician specialist, because pretty much everyone goes to the doctor at some point, but only a small percentage of folks will need a prosthetist or orthotist. We see all age groups, many of whom have undergone serious physical and emotional trauma. At CFI, our goals are always to make sure that when we fit a patient, their appliance is not only effective from a treatment standpoint, but also is as comfortable for the patient as possible. An important part of our criteria for patient care is empathy and compassion for what the patient and the entire family are experiencing."



Thien Tran, LP, working on a below knee prosthesis.

Vice President, Mike Smith, adds: "Our relationships with physicians, physical and occupational therapists and others enhance our patient care. Part of the strength of those relationships is our dedication to conducting educational seminars in our areas of expertise to others in the healthcare field."

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Not all providers in this field are alike. If your doctor refers you to a provider for orthotics, prosthetics or pedorthics it makes sense to do your homework. Here is a list of questions to have handy when deciding which provider is the right one for you.

- How long have you been in practice?
- Are your practitioners licensed in Tennessee?
- Is your facility ABC certified? (American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics). You can log on to the ABC website to confirm at: [www.abcop.org](http://www.abcop.org).
- Does your company have its own full service fabrication laboratory or do you outsource to a central fabrication facility?
- What areas do you particularly specialize in?
- Ask about any warranties on the device you will be receiving.
- Make sure you are clear about donning and doffing your device—a good provider will have patience when asked to demonstrate the procedure more than once.
- What type of patient follow up does your practice do?



## Pinpoint Accuracy



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## A Walk in the Park



At CFI Prosthetics - Orthotics, we think a Saturday stroll should be a pleasant diversion—even for those who have arthritis, diabetes or other foot conditions that can cause pain.

Our experienced certified pedorthist is devoted to restoring your foot comfort so that you can feel free

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