

# Questions for Your Prosthetist

Your Hanger Clinic prosthetist is with you every step of the way and always happy to answer your questions.

You may also want to bring a friend or family member along to help ensure you remember all your questions, take notes, and retain all of the new information.



## QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING YOUR APPOINTMENTS

Often, your clinician will address the following questions as you attend your appointments and start to use your prosthesis. Here is a list of common questions that may be addressed.

### THE BASICS

- Can you explain the process of getting my prosthesis?
- How will my prosthesis attach to my body?
- What types of activities may I be able to do?
- When should I schedule a follow-up?
- What types of shoes will work for me?

### FOLLOW-UP CARE

- How do I take care of my prosthesis on a daily basis?
- Can I shave, wax, or get laser hair removal on my residual limb?
- How do I recognize potential problems that require a follow-up appointment?
- How often should I come in for follow-up care?
- What will happen during these follow-up appointments?

### COSTS

- Will follow-up visits cost me anything?
- How much will regular maintenance cost?
- What type of warranty will you provide for my new prosthesis?

### URGENT NEEDS

- How do I handle sudden or urgent issues with my prosthesis? Can I get an appointment?
- What do I do if I am out of town and need adjustments or urgent care with my prosthesis?

### LONGEVITY

- How long will my device last before I need to have it replaced?
- How do I know my prosthesis needs to be replaced?



For more resources on adjusting to life with limb loss, scan the code or visit [HangerClinic.com/LimbLoss](https://www.hangerclinic.com/LimbLoss).

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## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Can you put me in touch with a patient who has the same type of device, so I can ask some questions?
- Can you connect me with any resources like virtual support groups, local/community services, etc?

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## QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Did I get the answers I need?
- Do I feel reasonably comfortable and confident about what comes next?

Take the time to get answers to your questions. It's important that you get the answers and reassurance you need to be successful.

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