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# CLINICAL PROFILE

## Rosenberg's Expertise Helps Great-Grandmother Amputee Regain Independence

Eighty-five year old Louise Murden has a lot of living to do! And with the help of Rich Rosenberg, CPO, LPO, of R.J. Rosenberg Orthopedic Lab, she is reaching her goals of returning to a better, more independent life.

Louise's leg was amputated above the knee about four years ago because of poor circulation. She began seeing Rich at R.J. Rosenberg in November of 2010, after several years of unsuccessful treatment at a different prosthetic firm.

"That leg was not staying on right. I was really aggravated and ready to give up," Louise said. "When I met Rich, I couldn't walk without my walker."

Louise's physician referred her to Rich, who has made all the difference in her life, helping her to regain confidence and mobility. At their first visit, Rich asked Louise to put on her prosthesis and to walk. He noted the socket fit was poor. The leg was turning, her alignment was not correct in that her knee was unstable. She was in pain.

"I saw that the old socket was not holding suction," Rich stated. "It was not comfortable for Louise. Between the loss of suction and the unstable knee, she was losing confidence in her prosthesis."

So Rich began the process of fitting and fabricating a new socket for Louise. He fabricated a suction socket with an Icross Seal-In liner. It is easy for Louise to don and offers better stability for the C-Leg Compact Knee she wears.



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Since being fit for her new socket, Louise has returned to physical therapy for additional gait training. She has progressed to walking with two canes. Her next goal is to walk with just one. "Rich is helping me through my fears," Louise said. "I'm getting my confidence back."



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Louise has an appointment with Rich every other week through this rehab period to assess if small adjustments are necessary. "My new socket fits very well," she said. "But when necessary, he finds out where it needs to be adjusted and corrects it," according to Louise.

"Rich is very conscientious!" she stated.

Rich added, "Louise is really amazing. She is very energetic, strong, and has great balance. Reaching her goal of walking with one cane should be no problem."

Louise continues to get her mobility and confidence back and is looking forward to continuing the activities she loved before her amputation. She enjoys the outdoors, walking in the garden and attending cookouts in the summer. She was once an avid line dancer. "I can still move back and forth to the music," she said. She also enjoys visiting with her great-granddaughter.

Together, Rich and Louise make a good prosthetist-patient team. Rich says, "Louise is a pleasure to work with. She always has a smile on her face."



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Louise would recommend Rich to everyone she knows. "When my former prosthetist heard I was seeing Rich, he offered to make me a new socket at no charge," she said. "I thought, no way! I already wasted four years with them."

"Now I have confidence and all the faith in the world in Rich!" she added.