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## People with Lower Limb Loss Invited to Participate in National Quality of Care Survey

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. – What lower-limb amputees are getting from their prosthetic care is the focus of a survey launched today by Quality Outcomes LLC, announced company president Scott Williamson.

"The intent of the survey is to provide valuable input to practitioners and 3<sup>rd</sup> party payors on the mobility and comfort issues faced by this population group," he said. "Results will be compiled and analyzed by Quality Outcomes and shared in an aggregated, non-identifiable manner."

Quality Outcomes is reaching out to the approximately two million amputees nationwide through Web sites and publications specific to that group. Participants are directed to take the survey online anonymously at www.qualityoutcomes.org.

The survey asks participants to rate their ease in performing various Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).

"I would encourage all amputees to participate in this important survey that will measure the effectiveness of care they are receiving, and how their healthcare dollars are better allocated," Williamson said.

Quality Outcomes already offers performance management surveys, analysis, and benchmarking, so orthotic and prosthetic practitioners have verifiable, objective data to demonstrate that their practices and their patient care is making a difference in the quality of care provided. This survey will take it a step further in documenting the quality of care patients receive and how it impacts their return to be contributing members of the community.

"Our primary purpose is to benefit the profession, benefit the participants, and benefit the patients," Williamson said. "We are being proactive and creating the framework for evidence-based practice."

Quality Outcomes LLC, a Virginia company specializing in documenting healthcare outcomes for users of prosthetics, orthotics, and durable medical equipment. Quality Outcomes also provides assistance in attaining facility accreditation, developing and implementing workflow processes and patient satisfaction surveys.