Conference Learnings

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Conference Topics

▪ Osseointegration- University of Utah in collaboration with the Veterans Administration will be doing a research study in the U.S on functionality and outcomes of those patients undergoing osseointegration.

▪ Current Research- CDC and AOPA are in the process of developing clinical practice guidelines for the care of the amputee post-op.

▪ Upper and Lower limb transplantation study being done at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Mayo Clinic.

▪ Johns Hopkins University Hospital developed a mental health assessment and follow up for amputees.
Learning to Consider for LVHN

- When available by the CDC and AOPA (American Orthotics and Prosthetics Association) integrating the clinical practice guidelines for amputees into practice at LVHN.
- Johns Hopkins University recognizing the difficulty of follow up with patients, incorporated their mental health mini assessment into the patient visits with the prosthetist. This was found to be very effective at recognizing patients at risk at an early stage.
Group Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

Where the rubber meets the road