

Prosthetic Maintenance



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Why is maintenance important?

Maintenance is important for the safety of your prosthesis. It will also reduce the risk of unexpected failure. Patients are encouraged to report issues at any time. Patients must also follow any guidance provided by their clinician.

Regular maintenance can:

- Identify any wear or damage
- Reduce the risk of breakdowns
- Extend the life of components
- Follow manufacturers guidelines
- Give you confidence in the use of your prosthesis

How do I know if my prosthesis requires maintenance?

We encourage all patients to consider the following questions on a regular basis. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions below, please contact your local prosthetic service to arrange a review appointment at your earliest convenience.

1. Function

- Is your prosthesis making any unusual or unexpected noises?
- Are there any unusual or unexpected movements in the components?
- Has your prosthesis failed to work as intended at any time?

2. Activities / Daily Routine / Personal Circumstances

- Have you had any significant changes in your day-to-day activities or mobility?
- Has your body weight recently changed significantly?

3. Component Condition

- Can you see any signs of component wear, damage or loosening (e.g. cracks or corrosion)?

4. Safety Concerns

- Have you had any significant falls whilst wearing your prosthesis?

5. Tampering / Unauthorised Adjustments

- Have you made any changes, repairs or DIY modifications to your prosthesis?

Patients are responsible for notifying the service if any of the questions above result in a “yes” answer. An appropriate appointment will then be arranged.

Patients should not make changes, repairs or DIY modifications to their prosthesis.

Annual Review Appointment

Each service user is entitled to an annual review. We encourage all patients to arrange an annual review if they have not been seen within the previous 12-month period, even if the answers to the previously mentioned questions are “no”. To arrange this, please contact your prosthetic service directly and ask for an annual review.

Annual reviews will typically be conducted via telephone although can be completed via a face-to-face appointment if required. If issues are identified during a telephone review that require in-person assessment, a face-to-face appointment will be arranged.

Your notes: