



Orthotics & Prosthetics



Earl R. Wilson, Founding Chairman

METHODIST
REHABILITATION CENTER

Since 1979, Methodist Orthotics & Prosthetics has helped thousands of patients reach the highest possible level of independence. This experience gives us the proven expertise that no other Mississippi facility can claim. As the state's premier provider of orthotic and prosthetic services, we treat patients — from infants to adults — with congenital disabilities as well as injuries resulting from trauma or illness.



Chris Wallace
Certified Prosthetist Orthotist, Director



Our Team

Chris Wallace, a board certified orthotist and prosthetist, leads our team in patient care. Methodist Orthotics & Prosthetics is proud to employ more board-certified staff than any facility in the area.

Our clinical staff is trained to the highest standards in the industry. Our clinicians design customized artificial limbs and braces using the most appropriate and advanced technologies available. These devices are then fabricated by our skilled technicians to ensure they meet our expectations and yours.

Technology changes at a rapid pace. Methodist Orthotics & Prosthetics takes advantage of unique opportunities for advanced training and education to ensure this technology is available to our region.

What sets us apart?



- **Advanced Technologies.** Our clinicians are sought after by patients and manufacturers alike. Because of our unique blend of training and experience, Methodist Orthotics & Prosthetics is a place where advanced technologies such as powered and bionic systems are routinely available.
- **Early Product Testing.** We maintain close relationships with all of our product manufacturers. This affords us early experience with new designs and components not available at other facilities. We are proud to partner with major manufacturers to provide early product testing, often before a product even makes it to the market for use by consumers.
- **Motion Analysis and Human Performance Laboratory.** We can conduct evaluations in Methodist Rehabilitation Center's Motion Analysis and Human Performance Laboratory — the only facility of its kind in Mississippi and one of only a handful in the Southeast.
- **Locations.** Our 11,000-square-foot facility on Methodist Rehabilitation Center's east campus in Flowood houses our main location. In addition, we have full-time offices in Hattiesburg, Meridian, Cleveland and Monroe, Louisiana, as well as satellite clinics throughout the state.
- **Mobile Labs.** Our specially equipped mobile labs allow us to make off-site adjustments, modifications, and repairs on our devices. We can now deliver sophisticated O&P services to even the most rural areas of Mississippi and Louisiana.
- **Free Consultations/Fast Service.** With us, free consultations are standard. We possess the capability to turn a morning consultation into an afternoon prosthesis fitting, a process that might take weeks at another company.
- **Research.** We recognize research is vital to our field. We employ a researcher on staff and are active in making it a part of our comprehensive patient care.
- **Warranties.** We stand behind all our products, providing warranties with replacement or repair guarantees on all sockets and other custom prosthetic devices we produce. We also honor all warranties on components manufactured by other suppliers.



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Our Program

After undergoing a comprehensive evaluation, patients will be fitted with a prosthetic or orthotic device designed to facilitate maximum independence. Our team works closely with patients, therapists and referring physicians to set goals for a successful return to home, work, school or community life. Family members also are encouraged to be a part of the orthotic or prosthetic process.

Topics typically addressed during the rehabilitation process include:

- **Emotional Needs.** Getting a new orthopedic brace or artificial limb can be an emotional adjustment. Communication during this time is crucial to ensure a successful transition into life with a prosthesis or orthosis. Our patient outcomes coordinator will help guide the process with education and information along the way. Along with other members of our staff whose own lives have been impacted by limb loss, the outcomes coordinator can provide the understanding and support needed during this often difficult adjustment period. We also encourage a pre-amputation evaluation to educate patients and families on the recovery process.
- **Scope of Care.** Physical and occupational therapy as well as regular medical care are major components of adjusting to a new prosthetic or orthotic device. Our clinical team will work closely with other health care professionals to ensure our patients get the maximum benefit from their device.
- **Goals for Independence.** During the initial evaluation, we will set a timeline of goals to guide patients on their path to maximum independence. These goals reflect each patient's unique priorities, whether it is returning to work, home, school or community life or daily activities such as driving a car, bathing or exercising. Returning to recreational activities including sports and the outdoors is also considered when designing devices. Communication of these unique, personal goals is key for our skilled clinicians to tailor a device to meet specific needs.
- **Cosmetic Concerns.** We know many patients want their new device to project their own sense of style, so we offer a range of aesthetic options to reflect their unique personalities. These include laminates of favorite sports teams and custom graphics and colors, as well as cosmetic covers.
- **Caring for Your Device.** Proper device maintenance helps ensure each patient's safety and comfort. Therefore, we encourage patients to schedule regular check-ups at any of our five convenient locations and to communicate any discomfort experienced or wear and tear on the device to our staff so appropriate adjustments and changes can be made. Some devices may require more frequent maintenance than others, which is also considered during the evaluation process.
- **Limb Changes.** Our bodies change over time, so our clinicians will educate patients on what to expect and the proper procedures for addressing these changes to ensure good health and mobility, as well as the longevity of the device.



- **Skin Health.** Skin issues are common when using prosthetic or orthotic devices. Our clinicians will train patients in the correct techniques for ensuring fit and comfort, as well as proper hygiene to avoid the threat of skin complications.
- **Financial Impact.** Our staff works closely with insurance providers to make sure patients receive the most appropriate and cost-effective device for their needs.

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