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## Introducing the New PROPRIO Foot

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# Proprio Background

**2006**

Össur launches the world's first microprocessor-controlled prosthetic ankle-foot system for lower limb amputees.



**2016**

Pro-Flex® is launched introducing carbon technology that provides significantly greater ankle power than conventional carbon feet.



**2018**

New PROPRIO FOOT®:  
Innovative design of PROPRIO FOOT®  
+  
Pro-Flex® LP



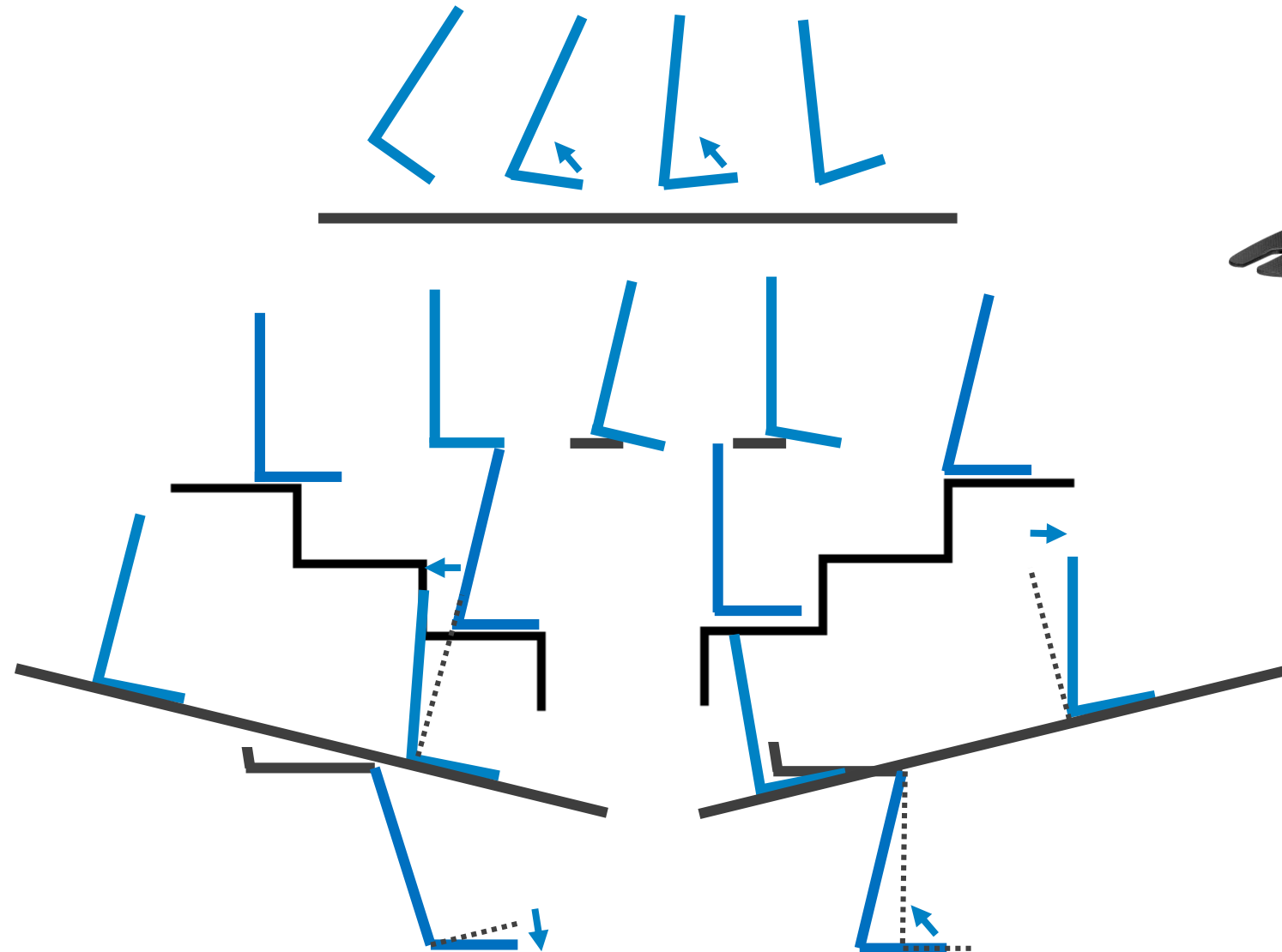
# Proprio – What's New



# Proprio Foot Function Overview

Core functions:

- Swing dorsiflexion
- Ankle alignment
- Stair adaptation
- Ramp adaptation
- Relax/Chair exit



## User Profile

- **Low to moderate active users**
- Unilateral transtibial amputation
- Bilateral transtibial amputation
- Unilateral transfemoral amputation

# ÖSSUR DYNAMIC SOLUTIONS

User Information	
Amputation Level:	Transtibial and Transfemoral
Impact Level:	Low to Moderate
Maximum Patient Weight:	125kg (275lbs)

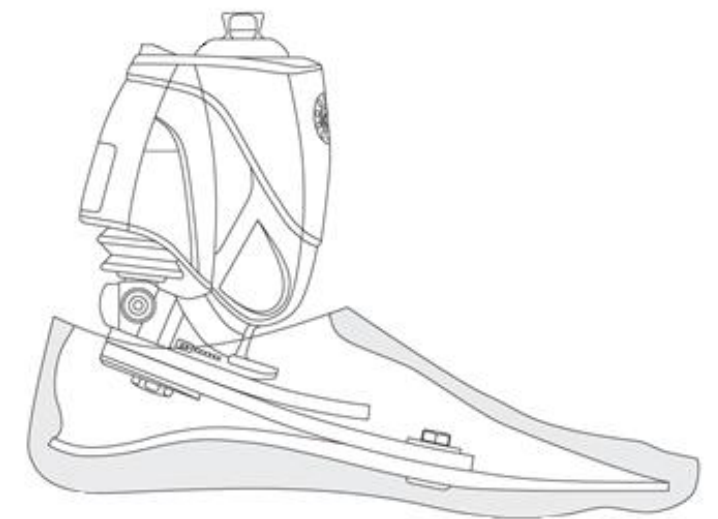
Case-by-case assessment:

- Bilateral transfemoral amputation
- Limited residual limb control



# Proprio Ankle ROM

- Total Ankle ROM: 33°
  - Size 27:       **Movement range:** 19° Dorsiflexion to 14° Plantarflexion
  - Ankle alignment range:** 2° Dorsiflexion to 14° Plantarflexion
  - Heel Height Accommodation:** up to 50mm
- Average ROM foot module: approx. 16°
- Unity available for sizes 25-30



## CATEGORY SELECTION GUIDE

Weight kg	45-52	53-59	60-68	69-77	78-88	89-100	101-116	117-125
Weight lbs	99-115	116-130	131-150	151-170	171-194	195-220	221-256	257-275
Low Impact Level	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Moderate Impact Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

# Foot Cover

- Beige and brown foot covers
- FSF - narrow footcover
  - Used for small sizes, allows room for ankle module
  - No attachment plate
  - Lower opening
- FST - standard Pro-Flex family footcover
  - Attachment plate



FSF



FST

SELECTION CHART FOR PRODUCT VARIANTS								
Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Size 22	FSF Foot Cover No Unity available					N/A		
Size 23								
Size 24								
Size 25	FST Foot Cover Unity available							
Size 26								
Size 27								
Size 28								
Size 29								
Size 30	N/A							

## Warranty Information

- 2 year warranty included
- Extended warranty available for purchase
- Maximum total warranty is 5 years- must be purchase within 1 year of original purchase date

### EXTENDED WARRANTY

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#### PROPRIO FOOT KIT EXTENDED WARRANTY\*

Part#	Description
PSXGE1Y	1 Year Extended Warranty
PSXGE3Y	3 Year Extended Warranty
PSX1SC40M	40 Months Service Check

\* Initial PROPRIO FOOT limited warranty period: 24 months. Extended warranty is available for purchase, contact Össur Customer Service for options and prices. Maximum total warranty period is 5 years, must be purchased within one year of original purchase date.



## Comparison of Old vs New Proprio

Specification	OLD	NEW
Ankle range of motion	29°	33°
Stair Adaptation	Ascent: After the second prosthetic step Descent: After the second prosthetic step	Ascent: After the first prosthetic step Descent: After the first prosthetic step
Ramp Adaptation	8 prosthetic steps to 85% of surface (15°)	3 prosthetic steps to 85% of surface (15°)
Relax	Yes	Yes
Chair Exit	Yes	Yes, faster detection
Auto-Adjustment	16 prosthetic steps	15 prosthetic steps
Minimum walking speed	2.3 km/h	1.4 km/h
Build Height (27 Cat 5)	169 mm	180mm
Weight (27 Cat 5)	1.4kg (incl. battery)	1.5kg (incl. battery)
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# Swing Dorsiflexion

- After 2 prosthetic steps
- 4° toe-lift
  
- Stair descent
  - No toe-lift



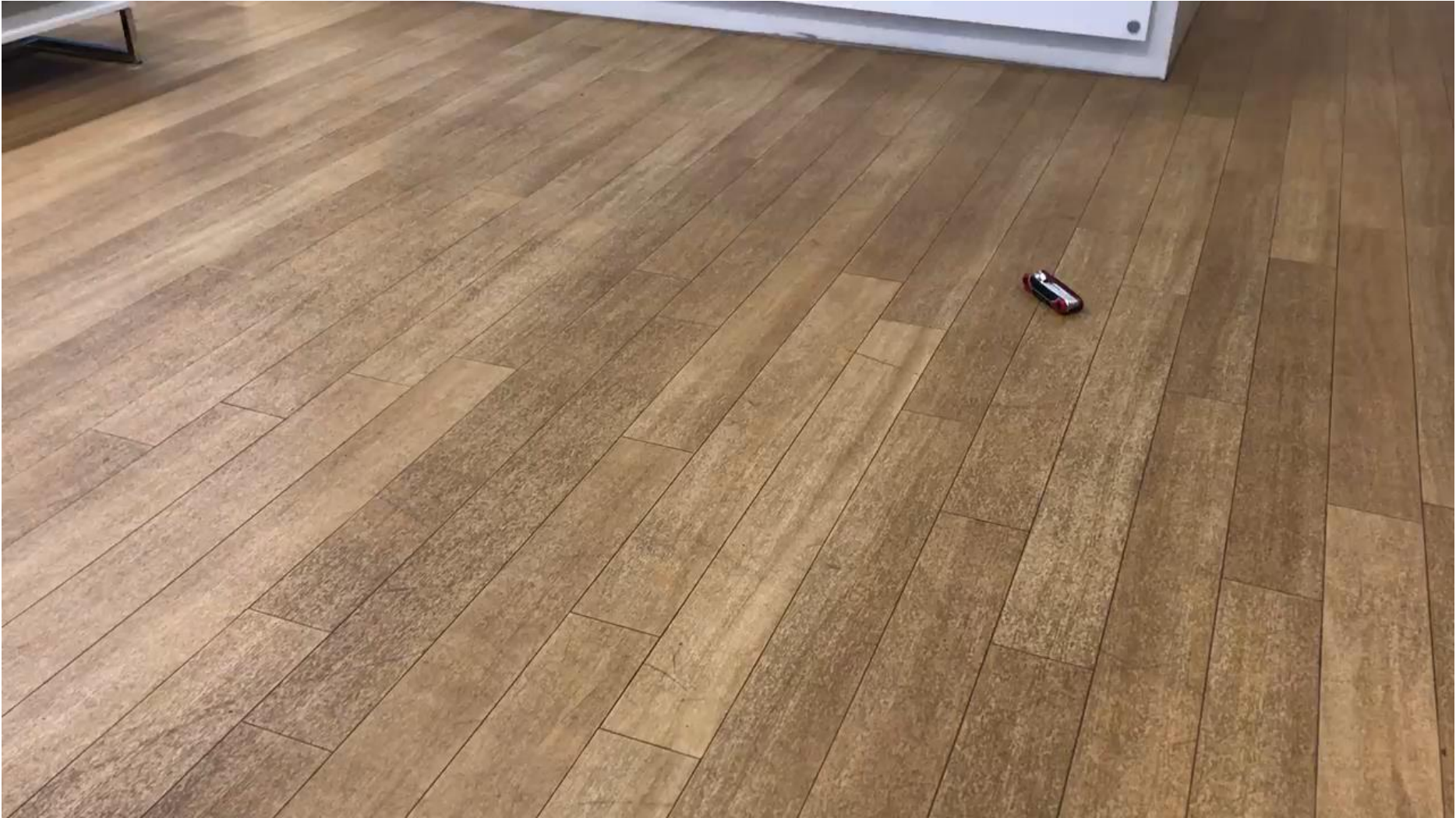
	Minimum speed	Minimum swing phase duration
Level ground / ramps	1.4 km/h / 0.9 mph	0.4 seconds
Stair ascent	1.2 km/h / 0.8 mph	0.4 seconds



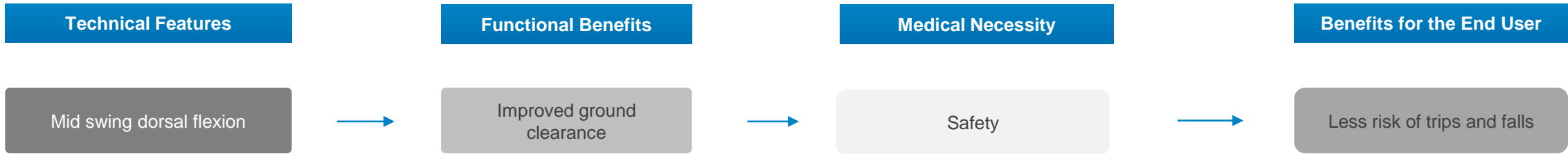
# Swing Dorsiflexion



# Mid-Swing Dorsiflexion- Clearing Objects



# Features – Benefits: Swing Dorsiflexion



## Improved Ground Clearance – Training Implications



- Reduces the propensity for hip hitching and premature prosthetic swing phase and so improving efficiency of gait.
- Increases the confidence of the amputee to reach a strong prosthetic toe off.



## Training Implications: Using Prosthetic Toe Lever



- Allows energy return from the ProFlex LP component
- Allows Equal Step Length
- More Natural Gait
- Reduced walking effort on level ground, ramp ascent and descent
- Smoother progression onto the sound limb

# Training Strategies for Achieving a Strong Toe Off:



Full ROM hip E and E strength



Strengthen Extensor Mechanism for T/ts.



Eccentric and concentric control of the knee

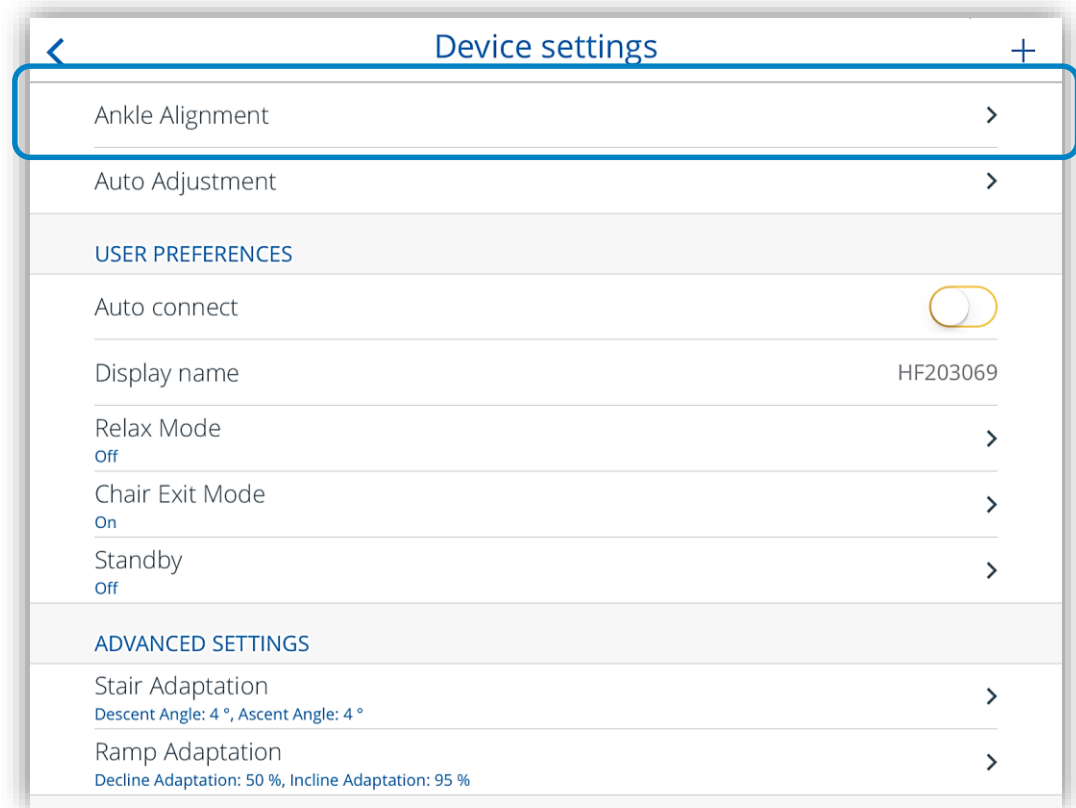


Resisted Gait Training



# Alignment

- Ankle Alignment
  - User interface or Össur Logic app
  - Barefoot to 5 cm heel height
  - Performed by the user



# Ankle Alignment- Using Össur Logic app



< Device settings ^ v

## Ankle Alignment



Ankle Alignment adjusts the angle of the ankle to allow optimal posture with shoes of various heel heights.  
- User should be in a seated position....[more](#)

**AUTOMATIC ANKLE ALIGNMENT**

Start

**MANUAL ANKLE ALIGNMENT**

2.9°



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**HISTORY**

 2.9°  
21/3/19, 9:02:55 am

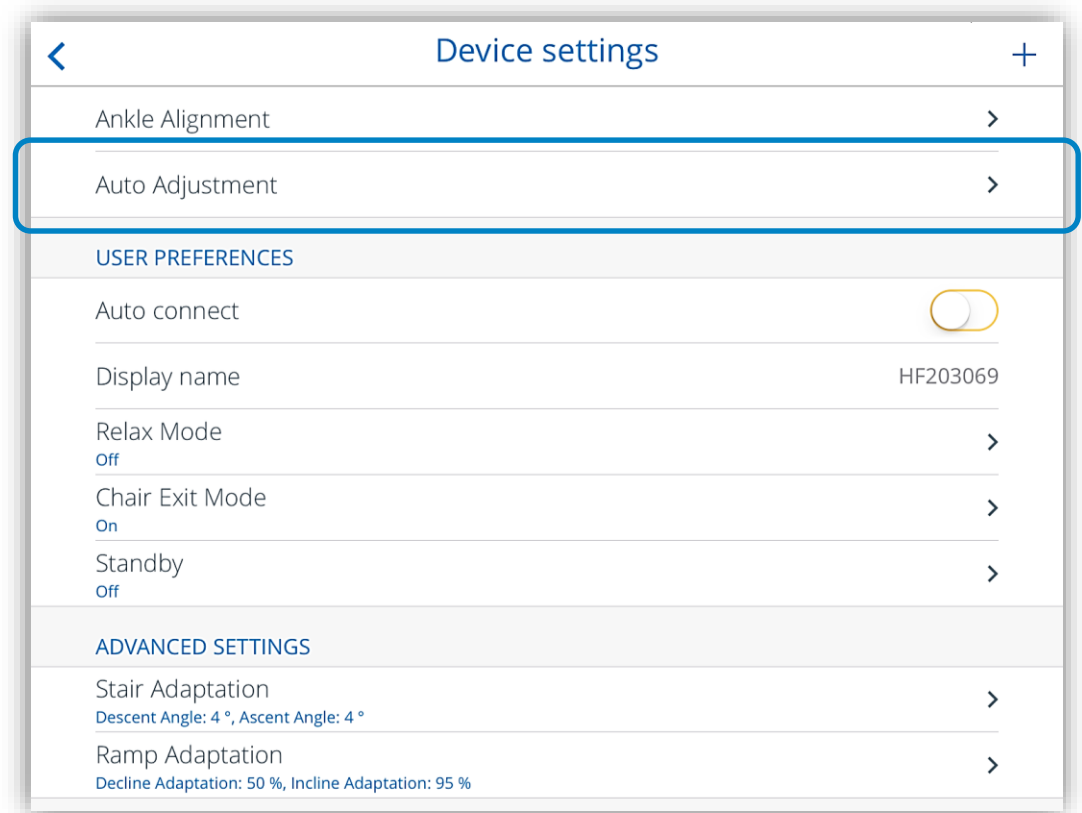
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# Adjustment

- Auto Adjustment
  - Recognition of user's specific gait parameters
  - Calibrates to user's gait parameters
  - Essential for accurate and consistent terrain detection

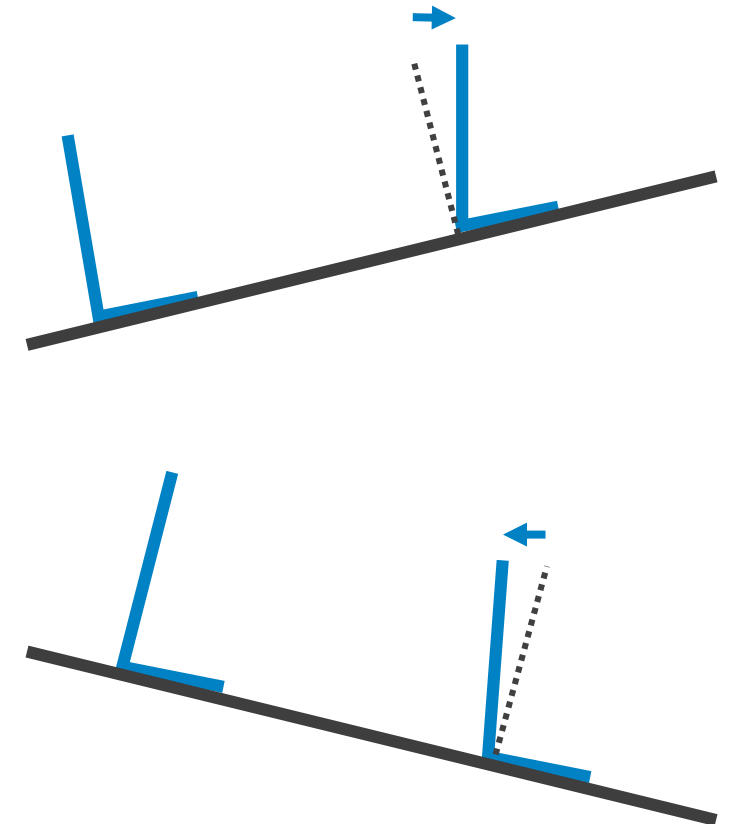


# Ramp Adaptation

- Adjustable adaptation on ramps

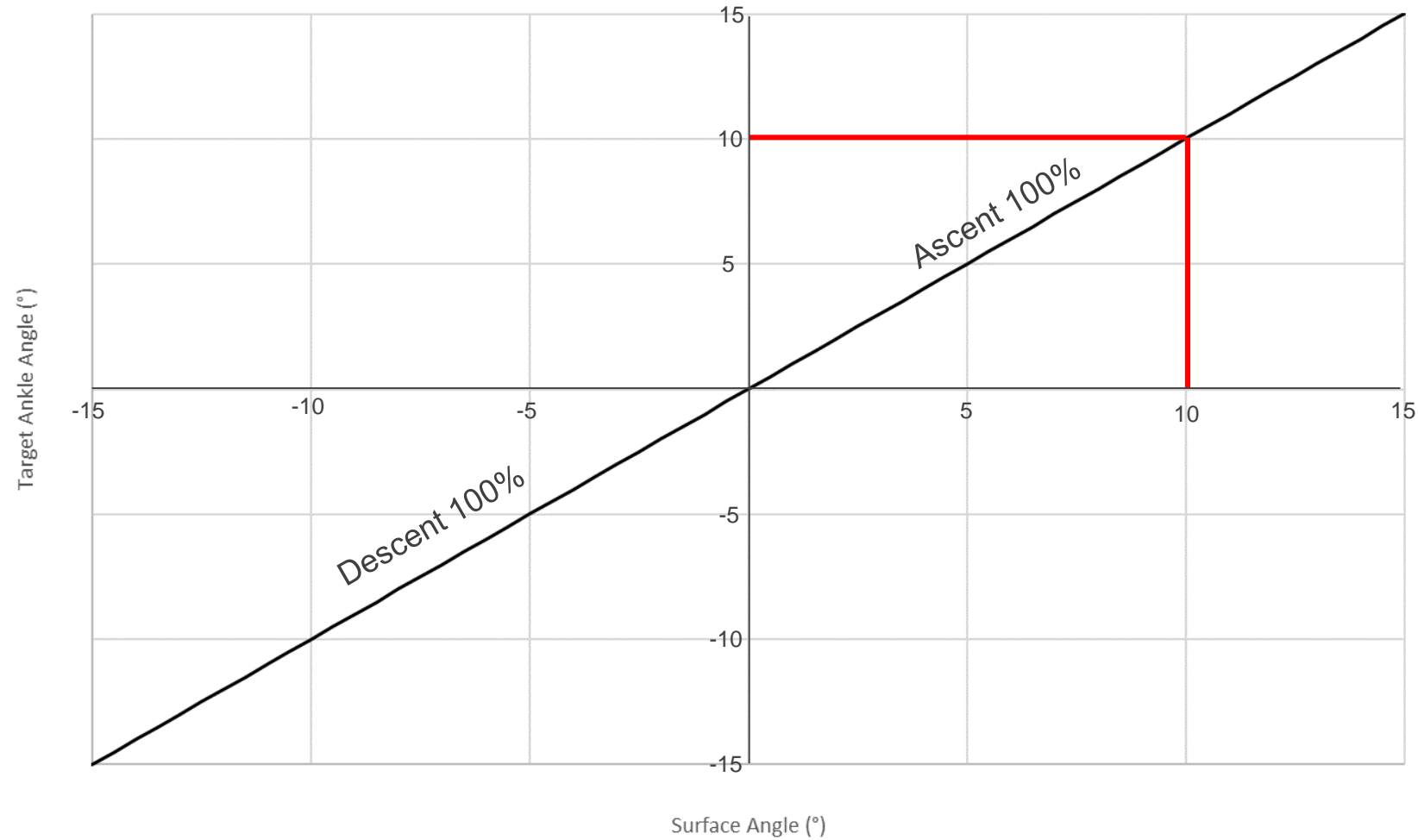
	Min	Default	Max
Ramp Ascent	0%	70%	150%
Ramp Descent	0%	65%	100%

- Near full adaptation - after three prosthetic steps
- Maximum ramp angle - approx. 15°
- Tips:
  - Very active users - consider lowering descent value (to about 30%)
  - Insecure users - consider increasing the descent value slightly



# Ramp Adaptation

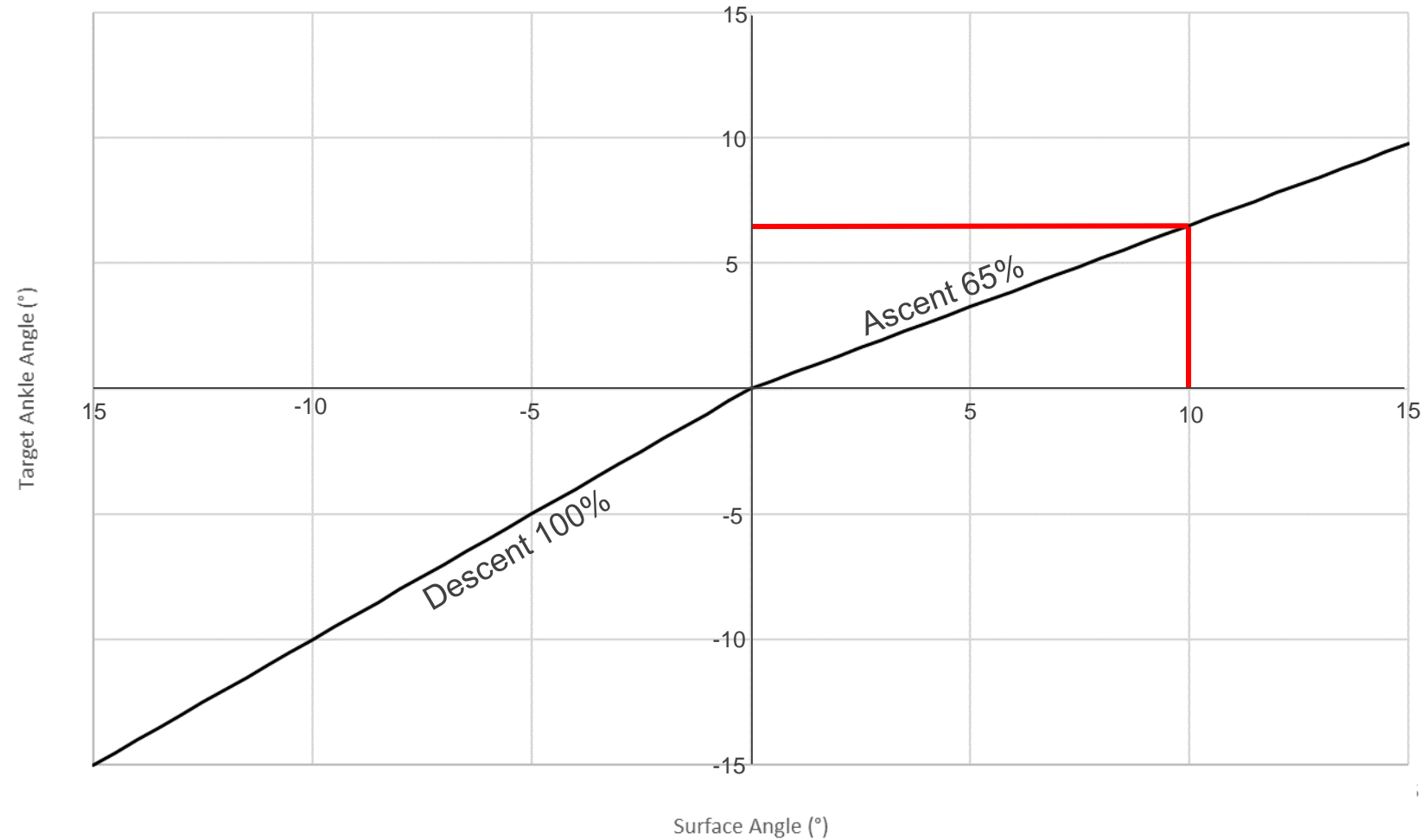
- Ramp Adaptation setting
  - Controls adaptation as percentage of surface angle
- Example:
  - Setting 100%
  - Surface angle 10°
  - → Ankle Angle 10°





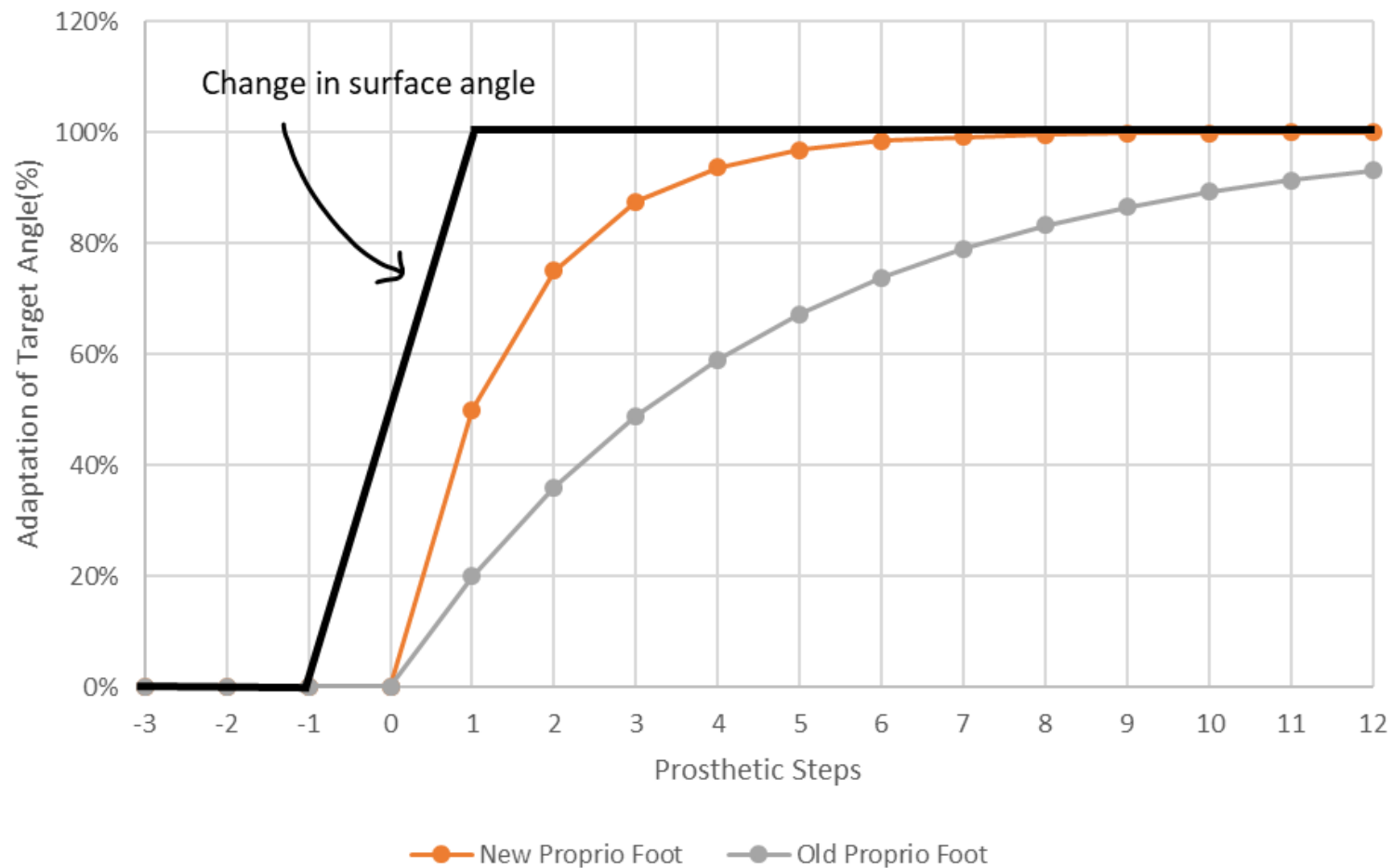
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  - Controls adaptation as percentage of surface angle
- Example:
  - Setting 65%
  - Surface angle 10°
  - → Ankle Angle 6.5°

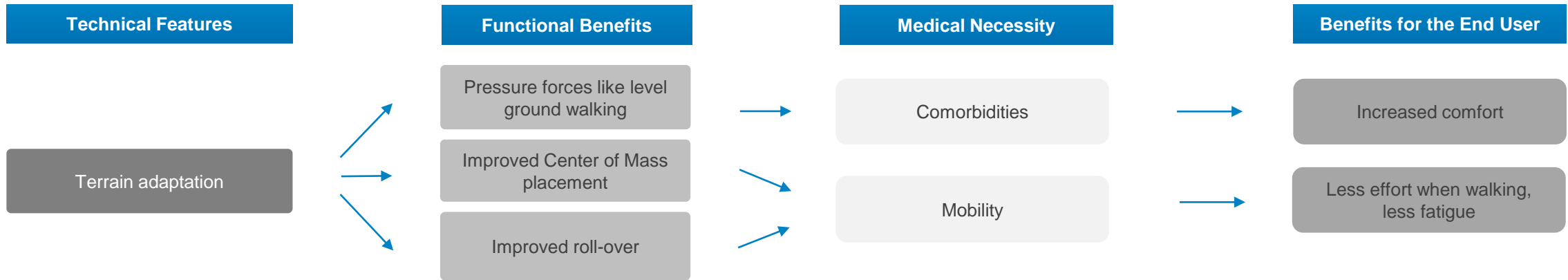


# Ramp Adaptation

- Faster adaptation old (grey) vs new (orange)
- User's perception of adapted foot around 50% adaptation



# Features – Benefits: Terrain Adaptation



## Ramp Ascent

- Proprio increases ease of symmetrical ramp ascent due to improved foot clearance, progression over the foot and ability to increase sound stride length.
- The user will need to be trained to keep an upright posture and to strongly extend the affected side hip.



## Ramp Descent- Training Considerations

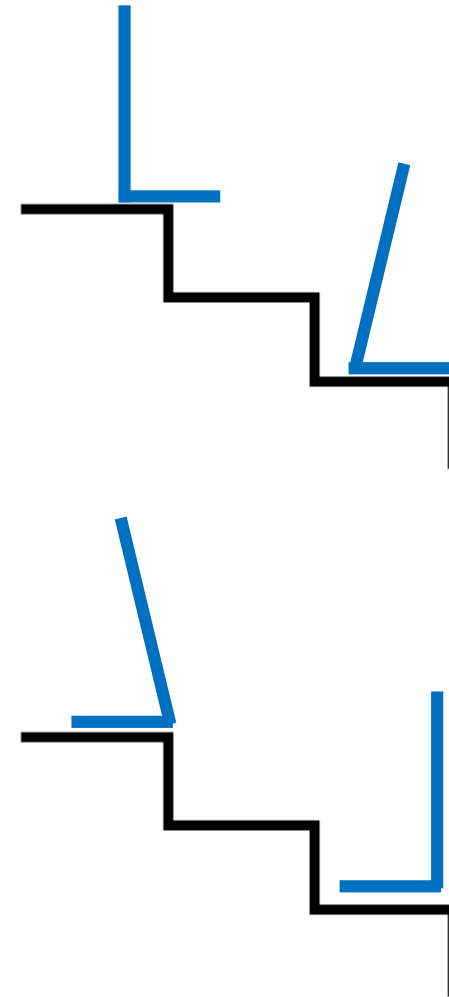
- Maintenance of erect posture is essential for TT and TF users
- Transtibial amputees will need some eccentric/concentric quad control exercises to assist with control the knee as the body weight progresses over the foot.



# Stair Adaptation

- Adjustable adaptation on stairs
  - Adaptation after the first full prosthetic step in stairs
  - Sound side first is the preferred way
  - Can adjust on the Össurlogic app

	Min	Max
Stair Ascent	0°	6°
Stair Descent	0°	6°





# Stair Ascent Adaptation



## Stair Adaptation – Ascent Training Considerations

- Stair adaptation enables activation of the quad/gluteal complex in a more ‘natural’ position so that less generation of force is required to move the body weight up over the prosthetic foot.
- When this is turned off, excessive knee hyperextension can occur
- Having this feature turned increases the potential for TT users to ascend stairs “leg over leg”.



OFF



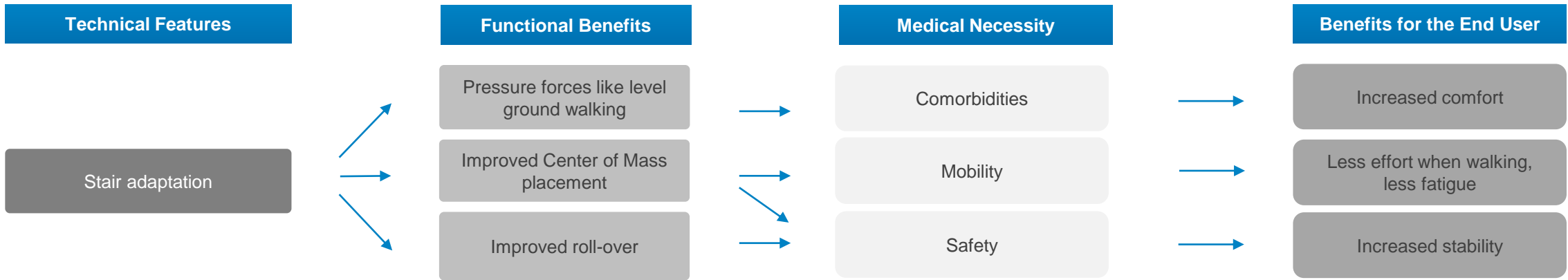
ON

## Stair Descent- Training Considerations

- More of the prosthetic foot length remains on the step.
- Improved user confidence.
- Enables a greater population of TT amputees to descend stairs with the “leg over leg” method.
- Inner range knee control exercises are of benefit here. In particular the eccentric component.



# Features – Benefits: Stair Adaptation



**Stair Adaptation OFF**

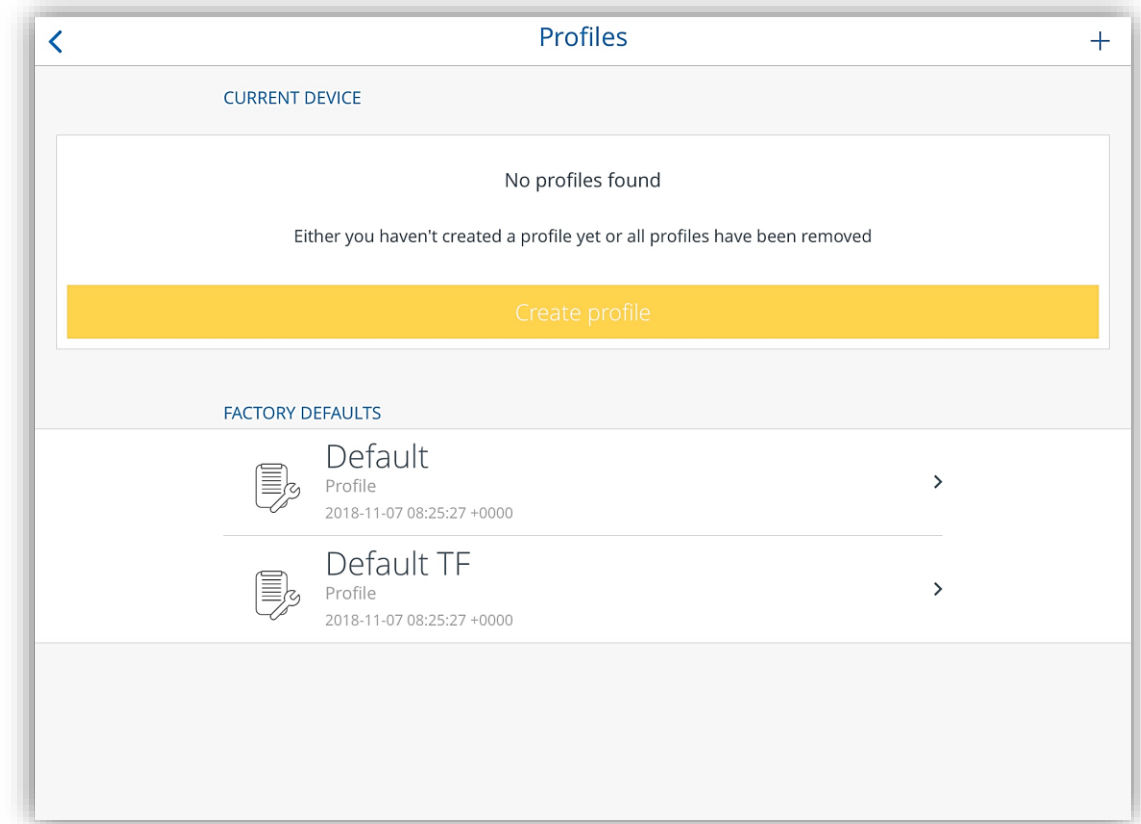


**Stair Adaptation ON**



# Profiles

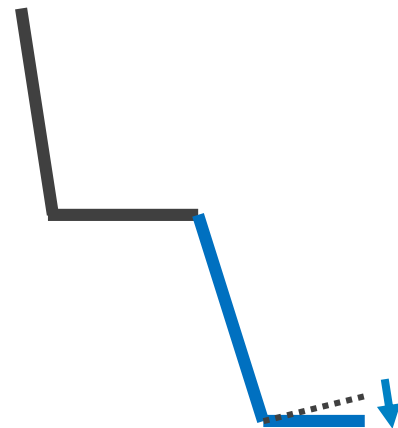
- Transfemoral (default profile)
  - Stair ascent: 0°
  - Stair descent: 0°
  - Safety:
    - Adaptation in stairs can cause instability for TF users
    - Depends on knee and walking style
- Transtibial
  - Stair ascent: 4°
  - Stair descent: 2°



## Relax and Chair Exit Recognition

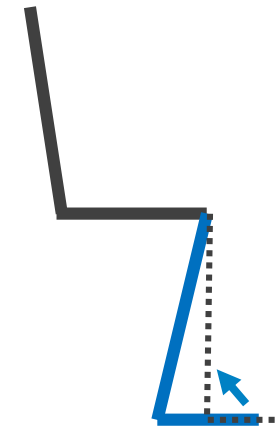
### Relax:

- Detected when sitting and shank is tilted  $>30^\circ$
- Foot still for two seconds
- Foot moves to full plantarflexion
- Also activated when kneeling ( $-60^\circ$ )



### Chair Exit:

- Detected while moving the foot backwards or sideways
- Foot moves to  $5^\circ$  dorsiflexion
- Back to neutral in next swing phase



# Relax and Chair Exit Recognition



## Ankle Appreciation Exercise

- Prepare to stand from your seated position.
- Place your feet under your knees with your ankles in plantargrade.
- Stand without allowing your knees to move forward. (ie **No DF** at your ankles)



## Chair Exit Mode Training Considerations

- Increased DF of the Proprio increases ease of standing from the seated position.
- Enhancement of posture to assist the hip and knee extensors to propel the body weight to standing.



**Pro-Flex Foot**

vs



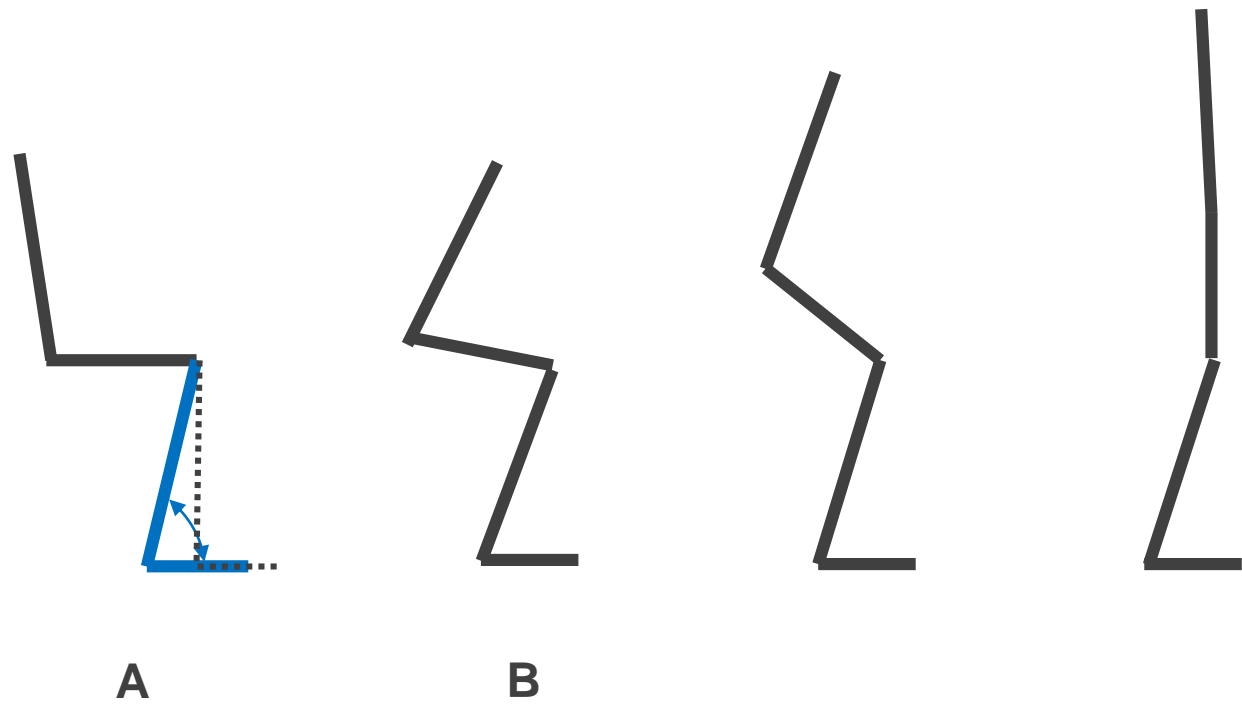
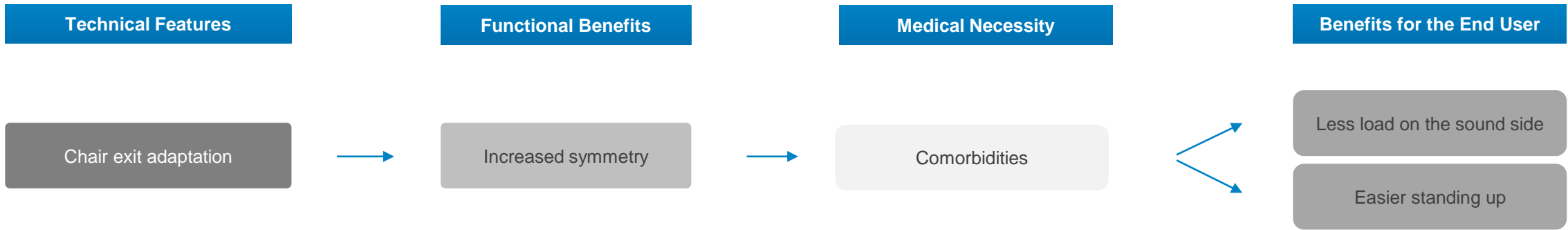
**Proprio Foot**

## Resisted Training for Sit to Stand

- Resisted Training will increase the amount of weight taken through the prosthesis during this movement.
- Strain on the sound side is reduced.

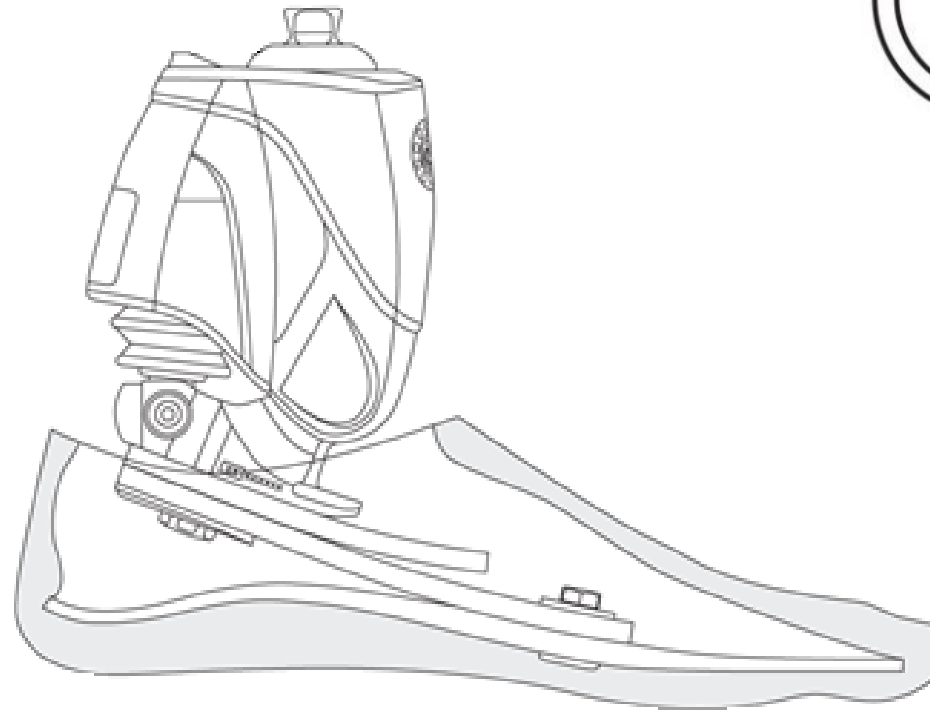


# Features – Benefits: Chair Exit Adaptation



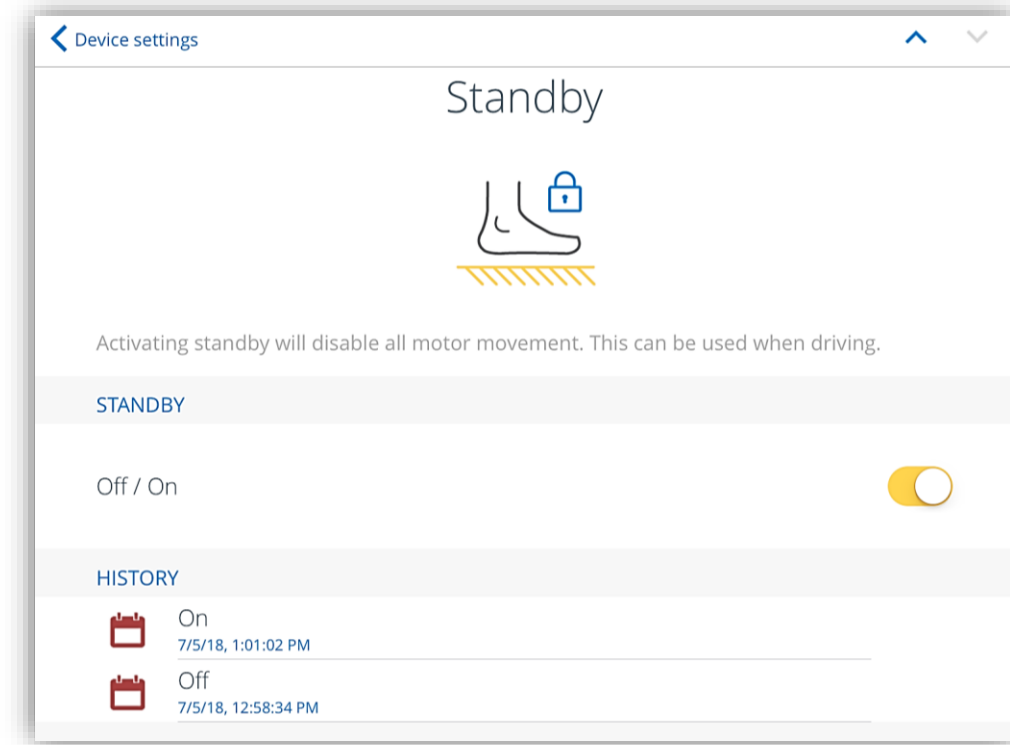
# Automatic Cycling Recognition

- Cyclic movement detected when pedaling
- Motor movements disabled
- Holds neutral position



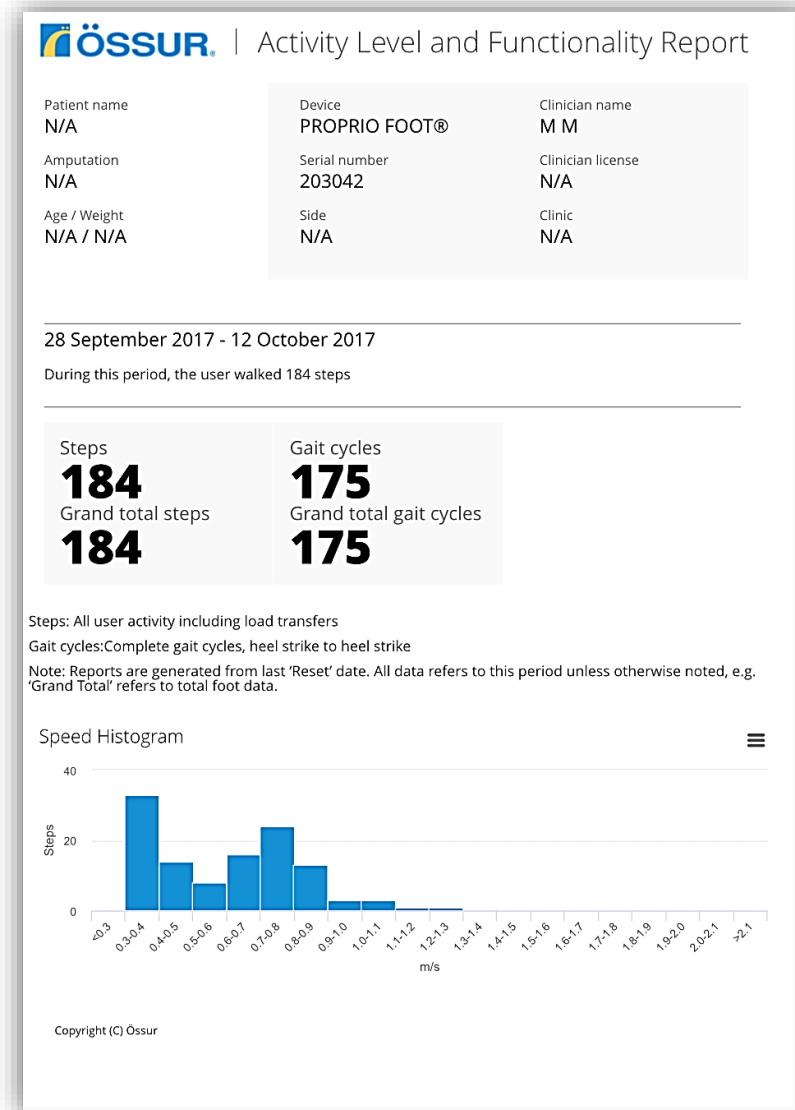
# Standby

- Enable in Össur Logic App
- Disables all motor movements
- Example: used for driving



# Activity Reports

- Four report options available:
  - Speed Histogram
  - Step Histogram
  - Distance Histogram
  - Surface Histogram



**ÖSSUR** | Activity Level and Functionality Report

Patient name N/A	Device PROPRIO FOOT®	Clinician name M M
Amputation N/A	Serial number 203042	Clinician license N/A
Age / Weight N/A / N/A	Side N/A	Clinic N/A

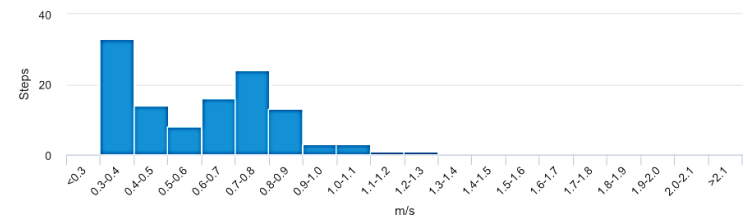
28 September 2017 - 12 October 2017

During this period, the user walked 184 steps

Steps <b>184</b> Grand total steps <b>184</b>	Gait cycles <b>175</b> Grand total gait cycles <b>175</b>
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Steps: All user activity including load transfers  
Gait cycles: Complete gait cycles, heel strike to heel strike  
Note: Reports are generated from last 'Reset' date. All data refers to this period unless otherwise noted, e.g. 'Grand Total' refers to total foot data.

### Speed Histogram



Speed Range (m/s)	Steps
<0.3	0
0.3-0.4	32
0.4-0.5	15
0.5-0.6	10
0.6-0.7	18
0.7-0.8	25
0.8-0.9	15
0.9-1.0	5
1.0-1.1	5
1.1-1.2	2
1.2-1.3	1
1.3-1.4	1
1.4-1.5	0
1.5-1.6	0
1.6-1.7	0
1.7-1.8	0
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1.9-2.0	0
2.0-2.1	0
>2.1	0

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# Battery status

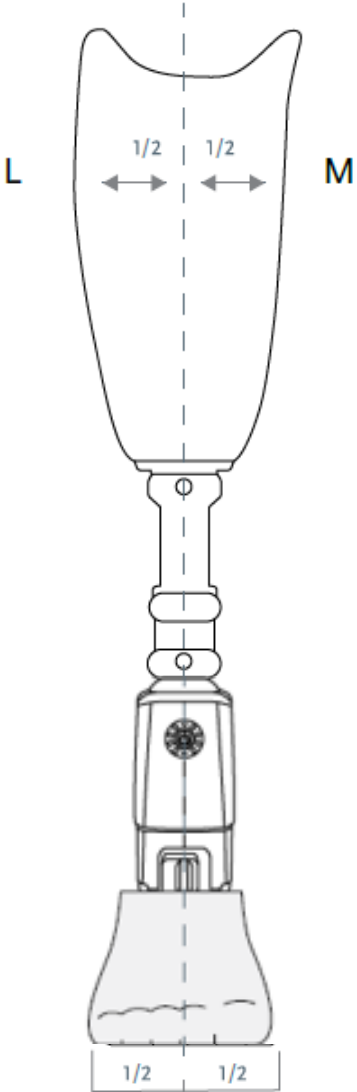
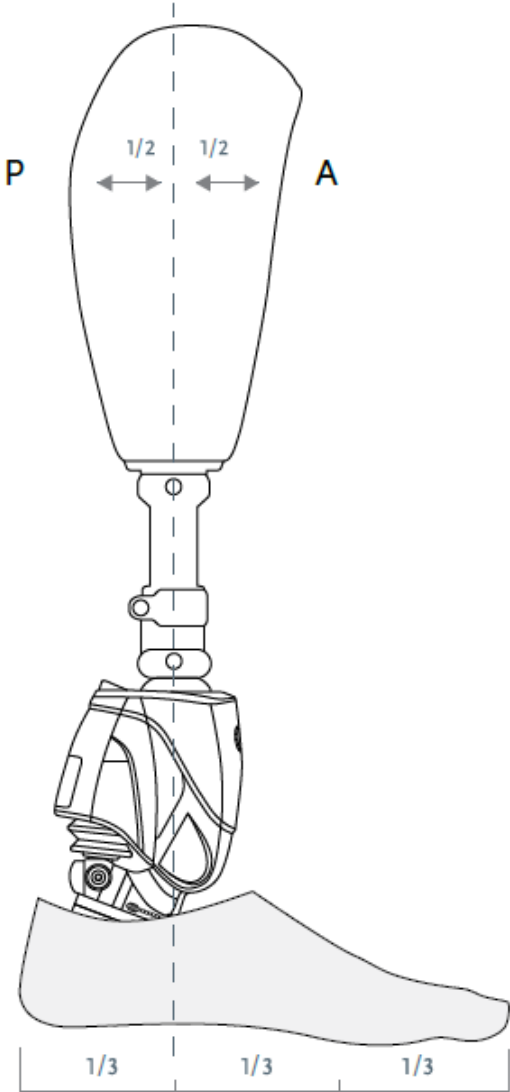
- Battery level → solid green LEDs
- Charging in progress → flashing green LEDs



90% charge	~ 3.5 hours
Full charge	4 hours
Battery life	18-36 hours *depends on usage

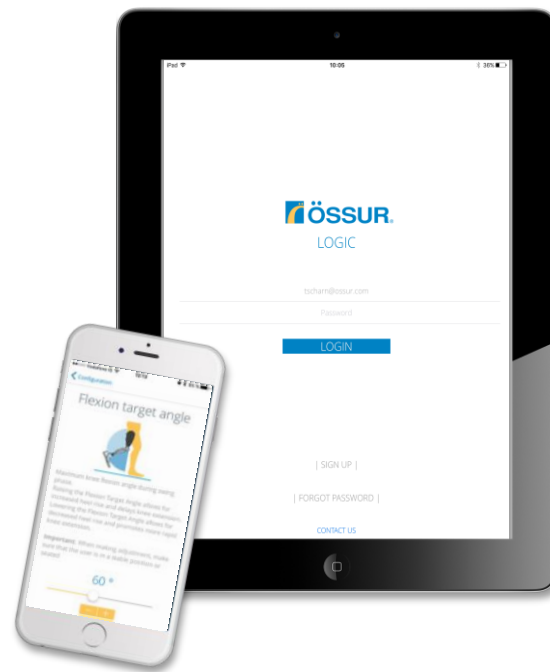
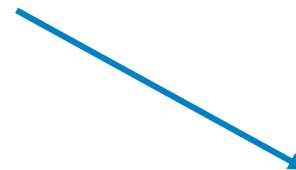
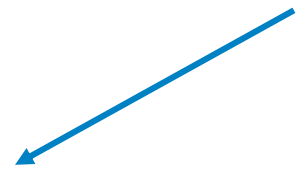


# Alignment





# Össur Logic app



## Proprio Fitting Sequence

- Turn ON
- Establish connection
- Ankle alignment (with shoe)
- Bench alignment
- Static alignment
- Dynamic alignment
- Auto-Adjustment
- Relax / Chair exit
- Stair adaptation
- Ramp adaptation
- Standby

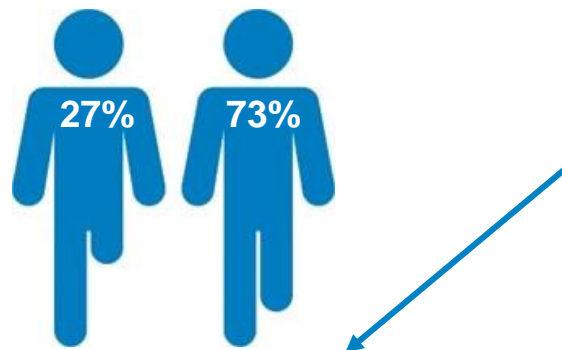


## Medical Necessity

## Reported falls

## Fear of falling

- n = 435
- Majority TT



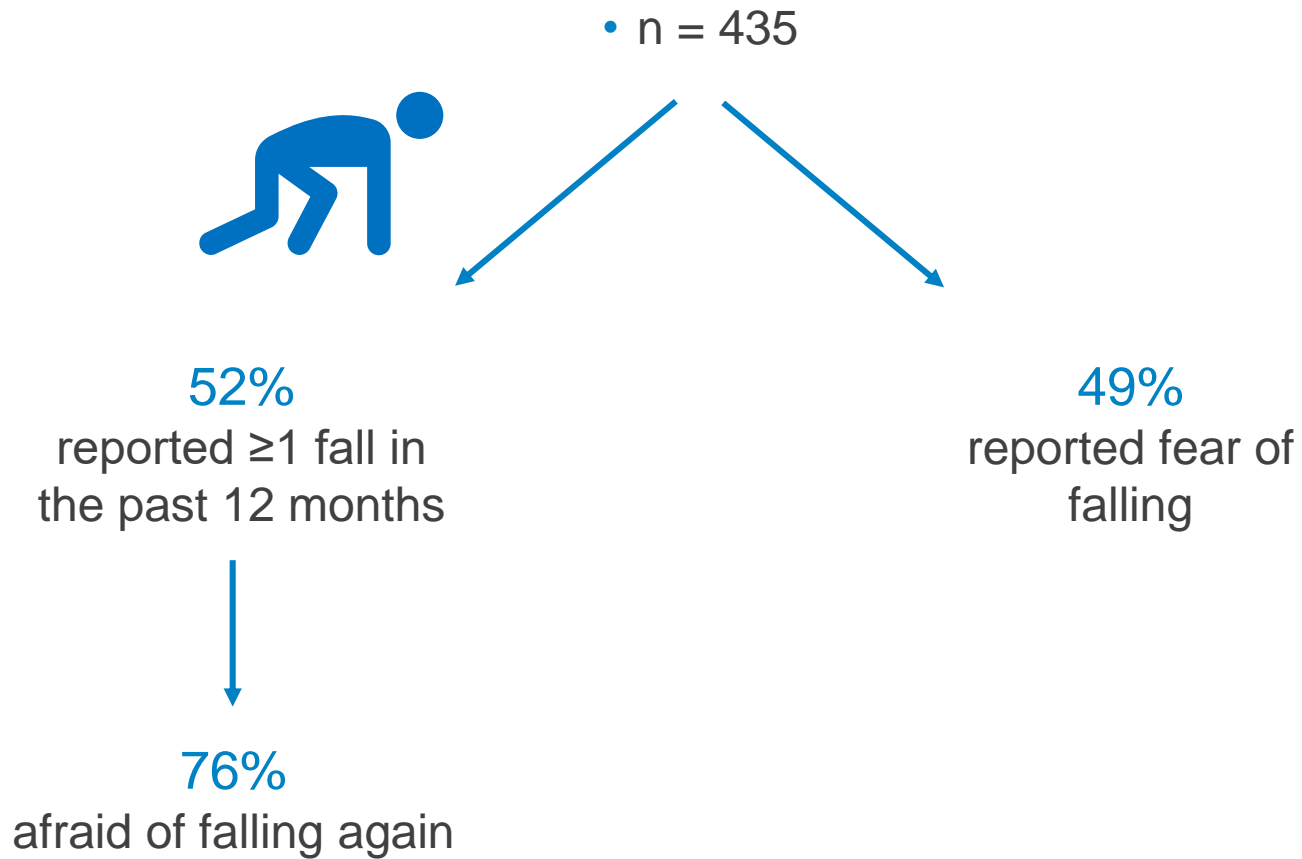
52%  
reported  $\geq 1$  fall in  
the past 12 months

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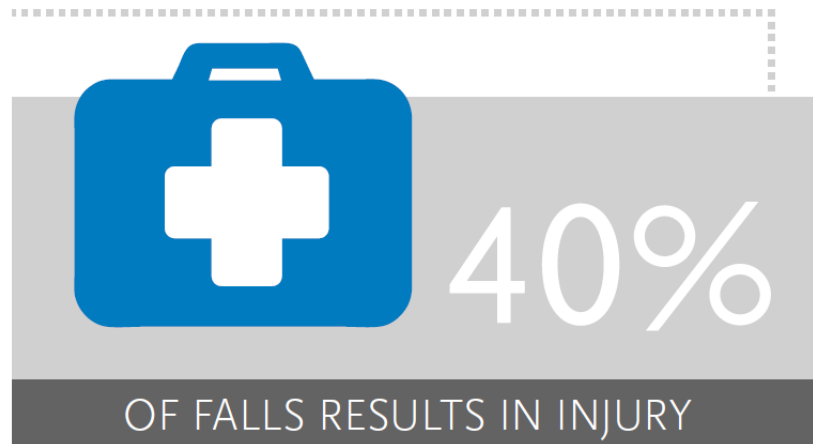
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- High risk of TF amputees falling



- “1 out of 2 amputees who fall require medical attention”

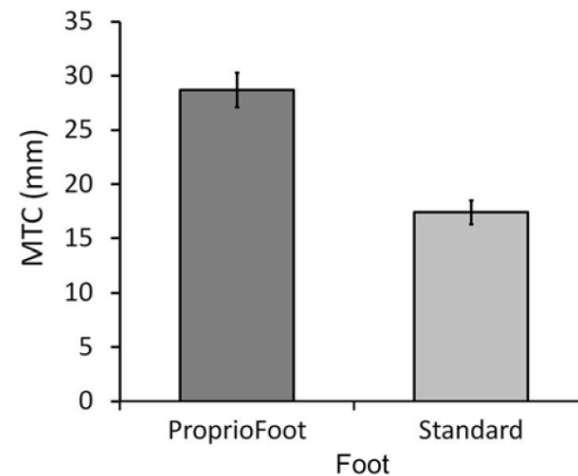


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- Changes to Minimum Toe Clearance (MTC) could increase the incidence of trips and fall risk



- MTC ~70% greater



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- Decreased likelihood of tripping (and thus the likelihood of a fall)



- Increased safety

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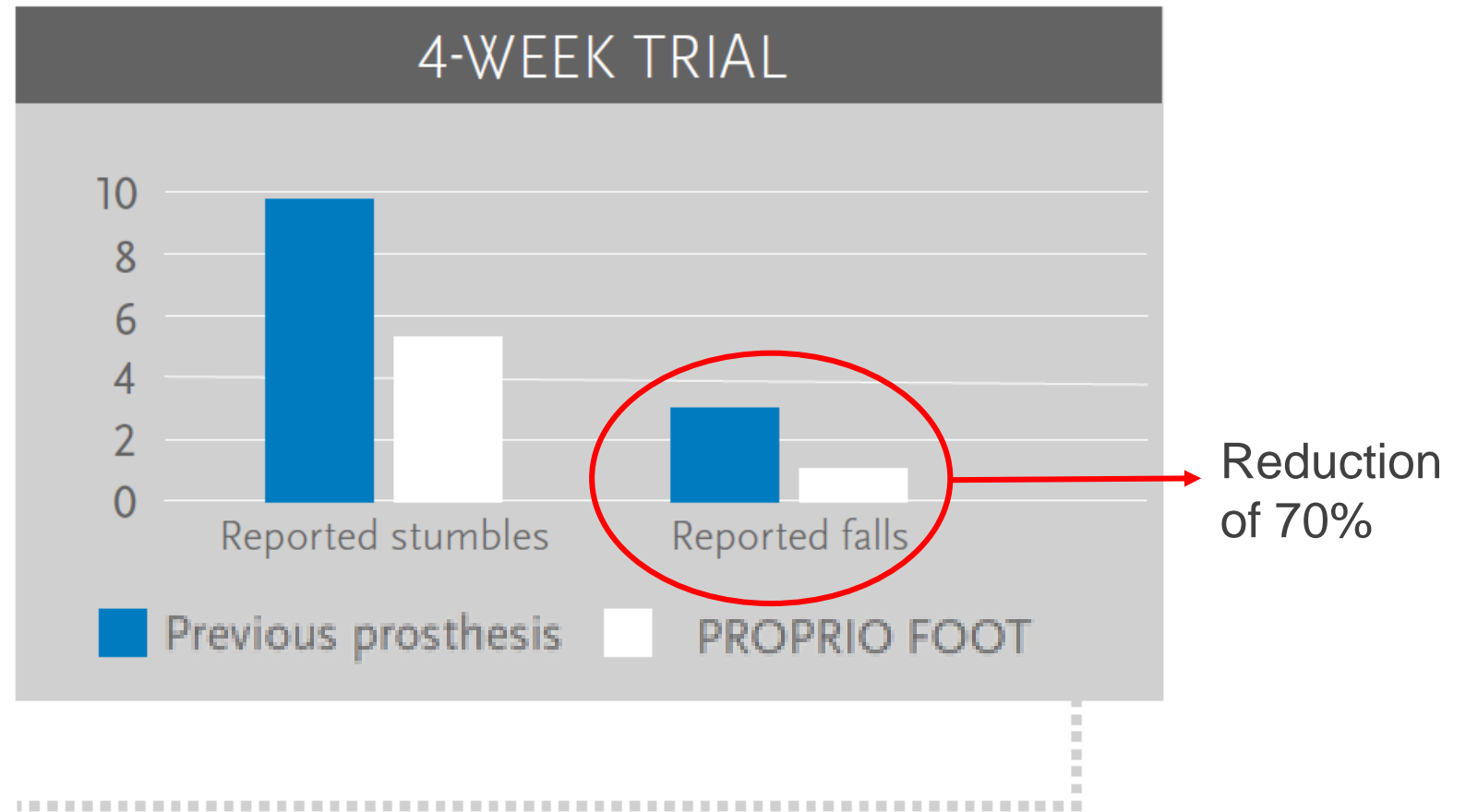
Medical Necessity Increased ground clearance

Decreased trips and falls

- Improved user mobility



- Fewer stumbles and falls



Ludviksdottir A, Gruben K, Gunnsteinsson K, Ingvarsson Th, Nicholls M. Effects on user mobility and safety when changing from a carbon fiber prosthetic foot to a bionic prosthetic foot. Presented at Orthopadie&Reha-Technik Congress, Leipzig, May 2012.



## Medical Necessity

## More natural stair ascent/descent

- 16 TTA + 16 non-amputees
- Neutral ankle angle vs. 4° adaptation

Knee flexion is restricted because of limited (ankle) dorsal flexion

For both stair ascent and descent improvements of knee kinematics and kinetics

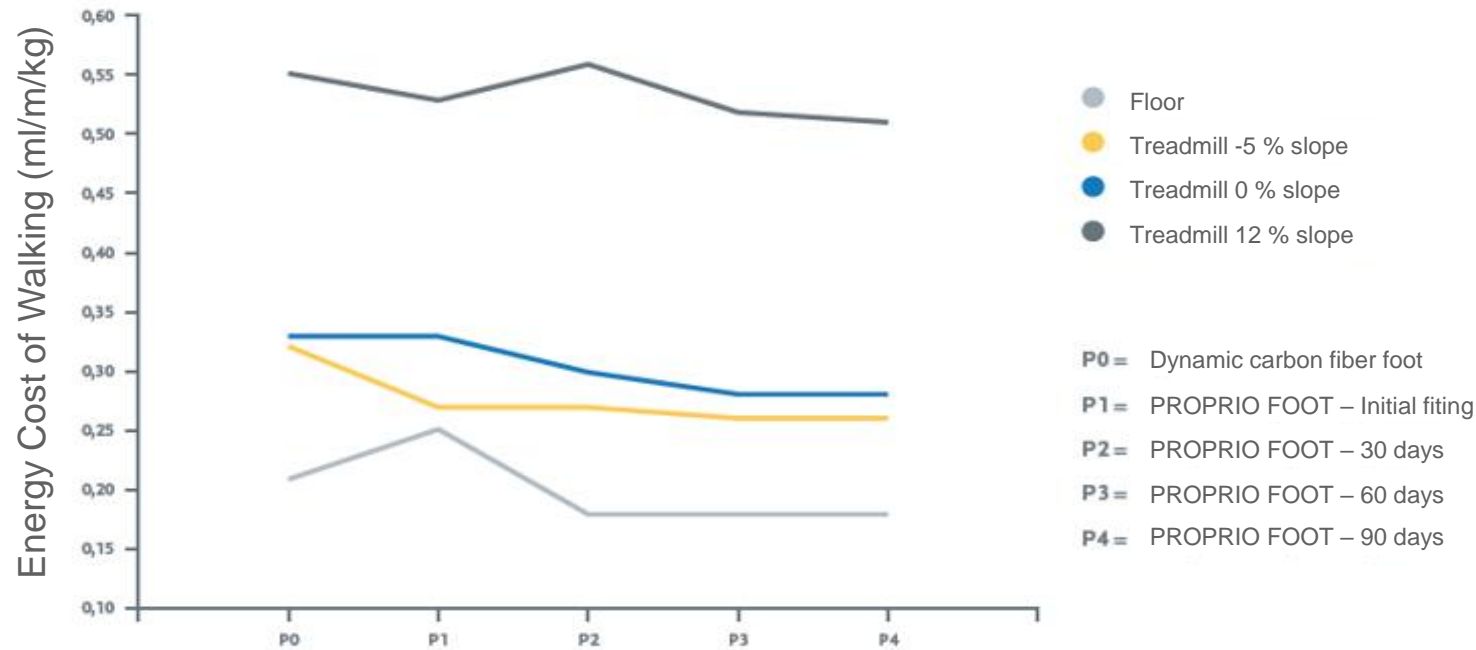
Increased knee flexion and increased knee moment

More physiological knee flexion during stair ascent and descent



Alimusaj M, Fradet L, Braatz F, Gerner HJ, Wolf SI. Kinematics and kinetics with an adaptive ankle foot system during stair ambulation of trans-tibial amputees. *Gait & Posture*. 2009; 30:3:356-363.

- 10 TTA
- Dynamic carbon fiber foot vs. PROPRIO FOOT
- Suspension changed to Seal-In X5
- Final evaluation after 90 days of use

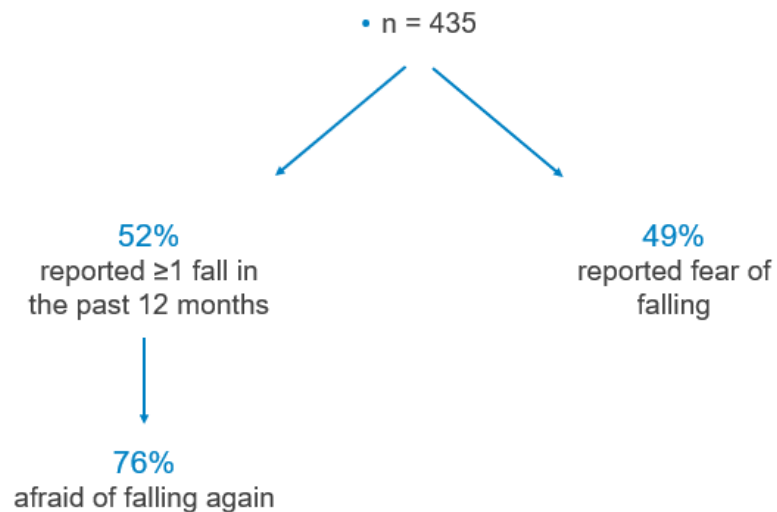


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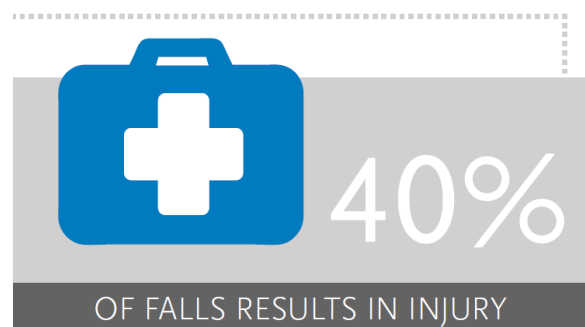
## Medical Necessity – Conclusion

- Increase in reported falls
- Fear of falling
- Falls cause injuries



## PROPRIO FOOT

- Increased ground clearance
- Decreased trips and falls
- More natural stair ascent/descent
- Reduced energy consumption



# Medical Necessity – Whitepaper

## PROPRIO FOOT®

Because the world is not flat

Amputees have reported to fall more often than the able-bodied population, contributing to fear of falling within the amputee population. These challenges partially stem from not providing the same toe clearance during swing phase as the anatomical foot does, leading to tripping and potentially a higher incidence of falls among amputees. Stability on a ramp or stairs can also be compromised when using a non-adaptive prosthetic foot on varied terrain and declined. Furthermore, the amputee's confidence and stability on stairs, ramps, and declined are negatively affected while using a prosthetic foot that does not adapt into a dorsiflexed position. The impact of these challenges results in a reduction in amputee mobility, but are further compounded in terms of quality of life in the cost of care and pain and suffering following a fall.

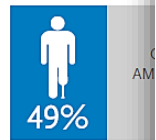
PROPRIO FOOT® is designed to address these challenges:

- Active swing phase dorsiflexion on PROPRIO FOOT has been shown to increase ground clearance and reduce the likelihood of tripping, which could potentially reduce the risk of falls.
- PROPRIO FOOT stance phase and terrain adaptation technology is designed to improve stability on uneven terrain and thereby improve mobility.

While falls in the amputee population have significant implications of the fear of falling, one out of every two amputees reported falling<sup>1</sup> which significantly reduces quality of life.<sup>2</sup>

### THE LINK BETWEEN LIMB-LOSS AND FALLS

Amputees fall more often than their able-bodied counterparts. According to a large study<sup>3</sup>, half of the investigated amputee population, of which TT amputees represented the majority, reported to have fallen in the last year.



Furthermore, a large study found that 1 out of 5 amputees has fallen during their rehabilitation time, while 18% of this population were injured seeking medical attention due to their fall.<sup>2</sup> Amputees with a history of falling show impaired mobility and significantly reduced outcome measures.<sup>2</sup>

### COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FALLS

Although there is scarce public data on the costs of falls within the amputee population, among older adults have been estimated at \$4.872 billion annually, requiring subsequent medical attention. Furthermore, if the fall cost may increase up to \$35 billion annually in the elderly population, it is estimated that the total cost of falls in the elderly population is \$48.72 billion.<sup>4</sup>



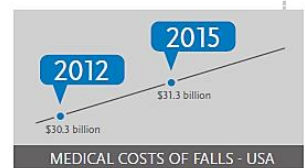
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A study on amputees' falls shows that up to 40% of their falls result in an injury and 1 out of 2 amputees who fall necessitates medical attention, which is higher than for the non-amputated elderly which has been estimated to be 30%.<sup>5</sup>



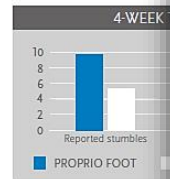
The only published study on transfemoral amputees indicated an estimated cost of \$25,652 at 6 months for falls resulting in hospitalization, which is similar to the costs within the elderly population.<sup>4</sup> Direct medical costs related to all falls in the USA was \$31.3 billion in 2015, up from \$30.3 billion in 2012.<sup>6</sup>



### PROPRIO FOOT: REDUCING FALLS

In light of the increased incidence of falls, it is important to consider the overall impact of prosthetic technology on fall prevention. Prosthetic technology is worth considering both from a quality of life and healthcare cost perspective.

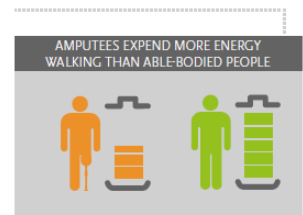
The choice of a prosthetic ankle influences the user's perception of tripping on unforeseen obstacles on ground clearance. Stumbles, which are falls, directly relate to ground clearance. Active dorsiflexion that provides 70° during swing phase, reducing the likelihood of tripping.



Users have reported fewer stumbles with PROPRIO FOOT compared to their previous prosthetic. In a 4-week trial the number of reported stumbles (previous prosthesis) to 5.3 (PROPRIO FOOT) and the number of reported falls decreased from 3.4 to 1.8.

### PROPRIO FOOT: PROVIDING ESSENTIAL BENEFITS TO AMPUTEES

Amputees expend more energy walking than able-bodied people.<sup>19</sup> This difference is intensified on uneven terrain: As the terrain gets more challenging, amputees are further taxed.<sup>19</sup> Amputees therefore tend to avoid obstacles which then limits their mobility to a higher degree. Some of these mobility limitations are related to the lack of ankle adaptation.



During stance, stability is affected by the ability of a prosthetic foot to adapt to the underlying terrain. PROPRIO FOOT adapts automatically to changes in terrain, providing an ankle position that matches the underlying slope angle, resulting in a larger base of support.<sup>18</sup>

Additionally, the energy cost of walking is reduced with PROPRIO FOOT on level ground, using a Seal-In® suspension system<sup>18</sup> and the knee and the hip move in a more physiological way on inclines, helping the user to walk more naturally<sup>18</sup>, with more symmetry in loading<sup>18</sup>, and with an increased perception of safety in ramp descent.<sup>18</sup> At the same time the users' interface, the socket, is affected by smoothed peak loads, in a more level ground like manner. The terrain compliant ankle compensates for increased peak loads from walking on uneven terrain.<sup>18</sup>

"My work environment involves walking tunnels and up/down stairs. I usually try to stay with my prescribed foot but I never wear PROPRIO FOOT."

User comment internal data

Descending stairs presents another challenge for amputees. When wearing a standard prosthetic foot, the prosthetic foot on the edge of the step demands a high step from the user while also reducing the surface area, allowing potential slippage. With the PROPRIO FOOT, the ankle is pre-positioned into an individual dorsiflexion allowing for deeper positioning results in more natural kinetics and kinematics.<sup>18</sup> Positioning the prosthetic foot further also allows users with lower stair descent costs stairs with a more cyclical and natural pattern.

### CONCLUSION

PROPRIO FOOT delivers value to both the healthcare providers of the amputee and the amputee. It decreases the amputee's rate of falls through five degrees of swing phase dorsiflexion, increased stability and socket comfort on inclines by adapting to the terrain slope, increased stability and reducing the likelihood of falls in the amputee population, and increasing quality of life and reducing the cost of falls in the amputee population. The advantages over a lifetime of steps and healthcare benefits become clear.

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