



Care of a Partial Leg Prosthesis

You have been supplied with a custom designed, silicone prosthesis. By following the instructions in this leaflet, your prosthesis should give good service.

Placing the Prosthesis

Your prosthesis is held in position by the creation of a passive vacuum. It is important that you create this vacuum correctly.

Apply a layer of Vaseline to the inside edges of the fitting surface as you have been shown. Carefully place the prosthesis into position on your leg, by applying firm pressure with your hand in the centre of the prosthesis (this will create the vacuum).

Smooth out the thin edges, ensuring that they contact your skin with no air trapped beneath them (air will make the edges appear white).

Remove any excess Vaseline with tissue.

Carefully place your tight or stocking into position, taking care not to lift the edges of the prosthesis.

Removing the Prosthesis

Break the vacuum by squeezing gently into the centre of the prosthesis, and gently pull the prosthesis away from your skin. Take care not to pull on the fine edges of the prosthesis as this may tear them.

Clean the prosthesis with a dilute soap solution, such as shampoo. Rinse well and pat dry with tissue.

Finally

Great care and attention has been applied to the construction of your prosthesis, in order to make it look as realistic as possible. It is now your responsibility to look after it carefully to preserve its appearance and function. Treat your prosthesis with respect, in the same way you would treat an expensive piece of jewellery.