

Title:	Predictors of return to work following traumatic work related lower extremity amputation
Issue/Rationale:	Can predictors be identified to determine the frequency, duration and type of return to work following a lower extremity amputation.
Objectives:	For individuals with lower extremity amputations identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the rate of return to work? • What are the major predictive factors of return to work? • What is the average time to return to work? • Do they return to the same or different type of employment?
Anticipated Results/Impact:	Major predictive factors of return to work are expected to be age, injury comorbidity, length of acute care stay, and length of time from injury to amputation, but not level of amputation. It is expected that persons with lower levels of amputation will be more likely to return to the same previous functional level of employment, whereas persons with higher levels of amputation are more likely to return to modified or alternate types of employment.
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