

AK Thermoplastic Preparatory Prosthesis

The thermoplastic preparatory prosthesis is most often prescribed for transfemoral (above the knee) amputees. It is a temporary prosthesis used by active patients until the residual limb has healed well enough to be molded for a permanent prosthesis. Usually the patient's limb is measured and molded while he/she is in the hospital, and the prosthesis is fit within 48 hours. This prosthesis has an adjustable socket to accommodate changes in volume in the residual limb, a manual locking knee, and a single axis or SACH foot. The prosthesis is held in place with a TES belt.



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