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LETTER OF INITIAL CONTACT

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Research Study: Self-Management for Amputees using Rehabilitation Technology (SMART)

Dear Potential Participant,

We are writing to inform you of a study and to invite you to participate in a **focus group discussion** on education and training after lower limb amputation (LLA). The purpose of this study is to investigate patients' and clinicians' experiences and perceptions of education and training programs for lower limb amputation, and to then make changes to the content and delivery of this education.

You are a potential participant for this study if you:

- Are at least 50 years of age
- Have had a lower limb amputation for at least 6 months to 5 years
- Have been fitted with a prosthesis for at least 2 months up to 5 years;
- Have started post-lower limb amputation rehabilitation and prosthetic training.

Participation in the study is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, your care will not be affected in any way. **If you choose to participate, you will be asked to participate in a 90-minute focus group, with up to 7 other patients, held in a public health facility in Vancouver.** Refreshments will be provided as well as a \$25 gift card honorarium for your participation.

The principal investigator of the research study, Sheena King, is a Vancouver Coastal Health Physiotherapist working at GF Strong.

A research coordinator from the Rehab Research Lab (Elham Esfandiari) may contact you regarding your interest in this study in the next few weeks. For more information about the study and to arrange for your participation, please contact Elham Esfandiari, at elham.esfandiari@ubc.ca or **604-714-4108**.

Sincerely,

Sheena King