



Prosthetic Limb Service



Troubleshooting Advice

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Loose fitting limb, goes on too easily	Try adding an extra sock If using 3 or more thick socks consistently, contact SMART centre	
Limb too tight, knee not matching marks within the socket when donning	 Decrease the number or thickness of the sock you are wearing Wear your compression sock (Juzo) for 30 minutes then try again 	
Painful residual limb	Contact your GP or the SMART Centre and ask to speak with a member of the team	
Persistent red marking or blistering residuum	Do not wear the prosthesis. Contact the SMART centre for advice from a Prosthetist	
The prosthesis clicks, squeaks	Contact SMART Centre for advice	
Worn straps on the prosthesis	Contact the SMART Centre for replacements. You may need to bring the prosthesis in at an agreed date and time for repair.	
Stiff knee lock	Contact the SMART Centre and make an appointment to have it checked	
Loose or too tight compression sock	Contact the SMART Centre and the correct size can be collected from the centre or sent out in the post	
My prosthesis is stuck on	Elevate the prosthesis and your leg Make sure that you are not too hot After half an hour try to remove the prosthetic leg Please contact the SMART centre for advice	

If you use a pin lock liner

My pin has come out of my liner	Please screw the pin back into the bottom of the liner and contact the SMART centre for further guidance	
My release button has fallen off and I am stuck in my prosthesis	To remove your prosthesis you will have to use something e.g. a pen to push into the hole from the release button and remove your socket this way. Do not use your prosthesis until it has been reviewed at the SMART centre	
My lock is not holding when I wear my prosthesis	Please contact the SMART centre for advice	
My liner has a hole in it	Please contact the SMART centre for advice	
My liner doesn't feel like it fits as well	Please contact the SMART centre for advice	

If you use a Seal-In Liner

My prosthesis is losing suction	Please contact the SMART centre for advice
My liner has a hole in it	Please contact the SMART centre for advice
My liner doesn't feel like it fits as well	Please contact the SMART centre for advice

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