

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
Shanna Decker, Patient	"ANYTHING A TEENAGER WOULD LIKE TO DO, I CAN DO IT."
	AND THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING CONSIDERING SHANNA DECKER LOST PART OF HER LEFT LEG TO BONE CANCER. SHANNA FEELS LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AND LUCKY TO HAVE HAD A SURGERY THAT ALLOWS HER TO WALK, RUN AND PLAY. IT'S CALLED ROTATIONPLASTY. DURING SURGERY A TEAM OF DOCTORS REMOVES THE TUMOR AND CUTS OUT SURROUNDING TISSUE AND BONE. THE LOWER LEG IS THEN

	<p>ROTATED 180-DEGREES AND REATTACHED SO THE ANKLE BECOMES THE KNEE. MAYO CLINIC DR. FRANKLIN SIM SAYS...</p>
<p>Franklin Sim, M.D.</p>	<p>"IT'S HARD TO TALK TO THE PARENTS ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT SOUNDS SO GROTESQUE. BUT WHEN THEY SEE HOW WELL THESE KIDS DO GETTING BACK TO NORMAL ACTIVITY, THEN THEY UNDERSTAND."</p>
	<p>ROTATIONPLASTY IS NOT RIGHT FOR ALL KIDS WITH BONE CANCER. BUT FOR SHANNA AND OTHERS LIKE HER, THE OPERATION OFFERS THE CHANCE TO BE LIKE ANY OTHER KID.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>