

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Diabetes & Amputation

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT'S THE LEADING CAUSE OF AMPUTATION, BUT IT'S NOT TRAUMA OR CANCER. IT'S DIABETES. YOU SEE, DIABETICS HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES. THIS SQUEEZES OFF BLOOD FLOW. THEY CAN ALSO LOSE FEELING IN THEIR LIMBS, ESPECIALLY THE LEGS AND FEET.
Tom Shives, M.D. Track 1 (1:12)	"IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR THEM TO GET A SORE ON THEIR FOOT AND NOT KNOW IT, THEN, BECAUSE OF THE POOR BLOOD SUPPLY, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THAT SORE TO

	HEAL. IT GETS WORSE. THE BONE BECOMES INFECTED AND THEY END UP WITH AN AMPUTATION.”
	AS AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AT MAYO CLINIC, IT’S A SCENARIO DR. TOM SHIVES SEE’S ALL TOO OFTEN. WHILE THERE’S NO EASY WAY TO LET A PATIENT KNOW THEY NEED AN AMPUTATION...
Dr. Shives Track 1 (3:52)	“MOST OF THE TIME, THESE PATIENTS WELCOME AN AMPUTATION.”
	WHY? SOMETIMES TO GET RID OF CHRONIC PAIN, BUT MAINLY JUST TO BE RID OF A NAGGING PROBLEM. AND WITH ALL THE ADVANCEMENTS IN PROSTHETICS, PATIENTS ARE OFTEN WALKING ON NEW LIMBS JUST DAYS AFTER SURGERY.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN

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