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Development of the First VA/DoD CPG for the Management of Upper Extremity Amputation Rehabilitation

The Management of Upper Extremity Amputation Rehabilitation Working Group, with support from The Veterans Affairs Office of Quality, Safety and Value and the USAMEDCOM Office of Evidence Based Practice, and with sponsorship from EACE, developed the first clinical pathway/guideline for care of patients with upper extremity amputation. This CPG is a culmination of more than a decade of research, unprecedented clinical experience, and funding of new technologies by VA and DoD SMEs. The CPG is an evidenced-based guide for upper limb amputation rehabilitation and clinical care and will assist in identifying priorities for research efforts and allocation of resources. The goals of this CPG are to reduce practice variance, enhance clinical practice, accelerate research translation into clinical practice, and ultimately lead to improved health, quality of life, and satisfaction for patients with upper limb amputations. The development of this CPG will help to optimize the patient's health status, function, independence, and quality of life.