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Patient Spotlight

Patrick – It was His Leg or His Life

Sampson's patient Patrick C. has had a rough go the past couple of years. The retired Marine sergeant and 28-year veteran of the Kingston Police Department, was enjoying his retirement until circulation problems as a result of his Type 2 diabetes hit him hard. He underwent revascularization, but continued to have setbacks. One very scary scenario was when Patrick began to bleed out. After being helicoptered to Albany Medical Center, doctors, Patrick, and his wife agreed to an amputation. "It was my leg or my life," Patrick said.



While in the hospital, Patrick met with Bill Sampson, CP, who went over the post-amputation healing process and preparation to wear a prosthesis. "He explained everything to me and afterwards asked if I wanted him to be my prosthetist. I couldn't say no to this guy with a smiling face," Patrick said. Patrick was very motivated to get moving again, so Bill fit him with an Ottobock Kenevo microprocessor knee and Terion foot. The Kenevo is especially designed for amputees like Patrick, enabling him to stand securely without having to worry about becoming unstable and to take small steps safely even while walking backwards as well as down stairs step-overstep.

Patrick was doing well with his prosthesis and physical therapy, when he became ill again, this time with cancer. Fortunately, the surgery to remove the cancer was successful, but with a bit of a setback in terms of weight loss and weakness in his arms and thighs. However, Patrick is working his way back to his prior activity level, including the long walks he loved to take with his wife.

"I'm back on my feet again and I owe a lot to Bill Sampson and his staff. I know I have a lot of people supporting me."