AMTOWER BIOKINETICS

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WE'RE PUTTING PEOPLE
IN MOTION *™*

THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN
ORTHOTIC *AND*
PROSTHETIC TECHNOLOGY

Dennis L. Amtower, CPO and Jane W. Cobb PT; CP founded Amtower Biokinetics with a commitment to providing orthotic and prosthetic services and products that promote successful mobility. They believe this is accomplished through their philosophy of treatment. Effective orthotic and prosthetic care revolves around MANAGING OUR PATIENT'S NEEDS.

Our services always include:

- **Evaluation and Consultation**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Education**
- **Follow Up**
- **Total Commitment**
- **Innovation**

EVALUATION AND CONSULTATION

All of our clients, from those needing a simple knee support to those needing the most complex prosthesis, receive a full evaluation and/or consultation. A usual evaluation and consultation visit is one to three hours. The extensive nature of this visit is your opportunity, and ours, to get to know one another. This time will allow you the opportunity to air concerns, experiences and desires. We will discuss your wants and needs as well as investigate various treatment options appropriate to your situation. *This is a time for us to begin working together.*

Following your visit we will proceed with a mutually agreed upon plan. Most commonly, we will write a formal summary of your visit with a recommended treatment plan and you will receive a copy. Additionally, as directed by you, we will forward copies to anyone involved with your care.

PROBLEM SOLVING

From your initial consultation, problems will be identified and a plan to address them will be developed. Initially, this process involves a letter to your doctor and others involved in your prosthetic/orthotic care, as well as a written report to you. Later, during your subsequent visits, we work together with the problems that affect your function and try to develop solutions for the short and long term. For as long as you are connected with Amtower Biokinetics, we will be available to work in partnership to address your problems or concerns. Most of all, the process revolves around you. *You are at the center of all decisions regarding your care.*

EDUCATION

From initial contact, you are informed and educated about prosthetic and orthotic management, components, and new developments in your area of need. Not only will you be educated on the use and need of the devices you are receiving, we will spend time teaching you about the fit and mechanics of your orthosis or prosthesis. *We are here to facilitate your progress and help you to own the rewards of your prosthetic and/or orthotic management.*

Education also takes place with our staff. Our staff attends continuing education programs, educates other professionals, reads current literature and talks frequently with manufacturers and suppliers to get answers and ideas related, potentially, to your problems.

FOLLOW UP

Follow up is what makes Amtower Biokinetics different. We utilize follow up visits to manage your needs on a continual basis. With every follow up visit, we challenge your device so we can correct any problems and confront issues that may or may not have surfaced. Oftentimes, you may think you are doing better than ever; but with conversation and investigation we all may come to realize that things can be even better. That is our goal. *You will never be told that we have done the best we can because each day brings new awareness and progressive treatment modalities*.

TOTAL COMMITMENT

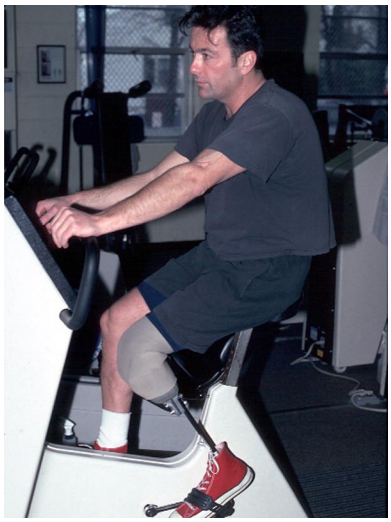
The secret of Amtower Biokinetics success lies in our total commitment to you. It is an emotional commitment in watching you progress and succeed to the level you aspire, and it is also a commitment of time. We plan ample time for all client visits and will work with you at any given appointment for as long as it takes to come to a satisfactory conclusion. We dedicate ourselves to achieve a level of fit within your device, which is accurate and ideal. *We are determined to provide you with the highest quality of work*. Our success revolves around the richness and depth of process involved in returning you to wholeness.

INNOVATION

We pride ourselves on working with patients who have not yet attained the level of success that they wish to achieve. We have developed orthotic and prosthetic services unique to us. This includes the use of lightweight materials and product styles. *We are here to CREATE, not just fabricate the everyday product*. We manufacture the usual as well as the unusual. We are interested in expanding the practice of orthotics & prosthetics to new heights.

Some of our specific innovations include**:**

- A below knee socket design that allows greater freedom of knee motion than the more conventional style
- A hip prosthesis that utilizes hydraulics at the hip joint
- An ankle foot orthosis that has a unique adjustable ankle joint system
- Unique use of carbon fiber in knee ankle foot orthoses
- Development of a carbon fiber braid that is distributed to other orthotic and prosthetic facilities
- Development of a unique management style that informs all those concerned with a client and addresses all issues related to prosthetic and orthotic care



CLIENT COMMENTS

"Before I met Dennis, I couldn't spend more than about three hours on my leg without having to lay down for three . . . It was a couple of months ago that I was sort of bummed out and I went for a walk and after walking for a couple of hours around Boston, I realized that I hadn't given my leg a second thought. That is real special and there is no way I can describe the freedom." *CM*

"Dennis has always done an excellent job in coming up with new and innovative ideas to allow me more and more. I've been able to lead a very, very normal life to the point where people don't realize I'm an amputee." *EM*

"J was very impressed with your approach and has seemed positive and inspired since the meeting. In fact, he plans to return earlier than scheduled to hopefully start his work with you before he returns to school. Last time we spoke he told me he was creating a list of "demands", which sound more like wishes, for the work you two will be embarking on. He wants to run and he wants someday to ride a mountain bike. Just his ability to wish is a big step forward considering the series of letdowns he has experienced. …Needless to say, I am grateful that you were kind enough to give your time and to be honest and personal. It is the first experience we've had since his accident with someone who could be both realistic and hopeful." *SK*

DENNIS L. AMTOWER

CERTIFIED PROSTHETIST ORTHOTIST

Dennis L. Amtower grew up in the field of orthotics and prosthetics. Soon after his father opened his private practice, Dennis began working for him. This work experience led him into the profession and he received his bachelor's degree in orthotics and prosthetics from New York University. Upon graduation, he continued to work for his father as well as hold a position as clinical instructor in orthotics and prosthetics at Northwestern University. He has additional clinical experience from Rancho Los Amigos County Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. He has participated in various research projects at MIT. He has lectured extensively to physician groups, rehabilitation personnel, and professional colleagues. He is an active member of the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association, the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists, the American Board for Certification of Orthotists and Prosthetists, and Massachusetts Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists. He has served on the boards of several of these organizations.

JANE W. COBB

PHYSICAL THERAPIST
CERTIFIED PROSTHETIST

Jane W. Cobb received a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Columbia University. She obtained a post-graduate certificate in prosthetics from Northwestern University. As a registered physical therapist she worked in public and private rehabilitation facilities and specialized in amputee rehabilitation and management. She spent five years as a clinical instructor of prosthetics at Boston-Bouve College of Human Development Professions, Northeastern University. Jane is a member of the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association and Massachusetts Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists. She is the former president of the New England Chapter of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists

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