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The Amputee Coalition of Canada: Opening the Horizons to New Partnerships

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The Amputee Coalition of Canada: Opening the Horizons to New Partnerships

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Rehabilitation professionals are aware of the positive impact of a visit between a client with recent limb loss and one who has returned to a full and productive lifestyle. The motivation this can provide is seen as an adjunct to rehabilitation, however a visit by an individual not ready to play this role can just as easily become detrimental.

The Peer Mentoring Program (PMP), developed by the Amputee Coalition of America (ACA), involves a formal, standardised training program which upon successful completion, certifies the amputee to become a peer visitor. A partnership was formed between l'Association québécoise des intervenants auprès des personnes amputées (AQIPA) and the ACA to implement this unique program in Canada.

The program has been received enthusiastically across the country. The formation of the Amputee Coalition of Canada is now underway. This presentation will address the evolution of this project, as well as its future development.