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Podium Presentation  
Approximate length (minutes) \_\_15\_\_\_\_\_

Poster Presentation

Title of Abstract: A Picture of Patient Motivation and Team work – A Case Study

Curriculum Vitae (indicate how you would like to be introduced)

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Audiovisual Aids Required:

- Slide Projector
- Power Point Presentation
- Overhead Projector
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATION**

Format: Title, Presenter(s), and Precis of presentation (150 words, Arial font, 11 point, single spaced)

**Note:** Electronic submission to [Karen.fairley@sunnybrook.ca](mailto:Karen.fairley@sunnybrook.ca) is preferred.

A basic case study of a complex patient. The patient presented with a Trans-tibial amputation due to a long standing non-union fracture of the distal tibia. The patient is a long term diabetic and is blind due to diabetic retinopathy, he is on dialysis three times per week and is a very large patient.

The complexity of this patient may bring about concerns of rehabilitative success. However, the patient is doing very well, thanks in part to a group effort from Physiatrist (Dr. Thomas John), OT, PT and Prosthetist. With some innovative thinking and problem solving, a case that could have caused many issues was a true success.

However, the most important ingredient in all of this success is the patient. His ability and desire to walk with a prosthesis made this an easy project for everyone.

Overall, the presentation will outline the importance of a team approach to amputee care and the importance of Patient Motivation to rehabilitation outcome.

