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# Activities of Daily Living: Genium Bionic Prosthetic Knee Compared with C-Leg

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#### **Products**

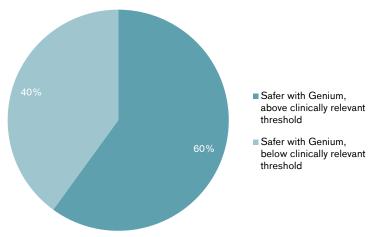
#### **Genium vs C-Leg**

### **Major Findings**

With Genium compared to C-Leg:

- → 60% of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) show a clinically relevant gain in safety
- → 53% of ADLs show a clinically relevant decrease in difficulty.
- → Ease of ascending and descending stairs is improved by 34% and 10%
- → Ease of ascending and descending ramps is improved by 24% and 17%
- → Ease of walking backwards is improved by 26%

# Clinically relevant improvement in safety of activities of daily living with Genium



Safety was assessed for 45 activities.

### **Population**

Subjects: 10 unilateral, transfemoral amputees

Previous prosthesis: C-Leg Amputation causes: trauma

Mean age: 36.7 yrs (±10.2 yrs)
Mean time since amputation: 12.5 yrs (±9.6 yrs)
MFCL: 40% K3, 60% K4

# **Study Design**

# Interventional, pre- to post-test design:



#### **Results**

Activities								Participation	Environment
Level walking	Stairs	Ramps, Hills	Uneven ground, Obstacles	Cognitive demand	Metabolic energy consump- tion	Safety		Preference, Satisfac- tion, QoL	Health economics

Category	Outcomes	Results for Genium compared to C-Leg	Sig.*	
Level Walking	ADL Questionnaire, separate for each MPCK			
		Walking at varying speeds tends to be rated as less difficult.	+	
Stairs	ADL Questionnaire, separate for each MPCK	Difficulty of ascending and descending stairs was decreased by 34% and 10%.		
Ramps, Hills	ADL Questionnaire, separate for each MPCK	Difficulty of ascending and descending slopes was decreased by 24% and 17%.		
Uneven Ground, Obstacle Course	ADL Questionnaire, separate for each MPCK	Walking on uneven and unfamiliar ground tends to be rated as less difficult.		
Safety	ADL Questionnaire, comparative	60% of ADLs showed a clinically relevant gain in safety. 40% of ADLs showed a trend toward a clinically relevant gain in safety.		
		In the category 'Family and Social Life' 83% of ADLs showed a clinically relevant gain in safety.		
		In the category 'Mobility and Transportation' 63% of ADLs showed a clinically relevant gain in safety.		
Activity Mobility, Activities of daily living	ADL Questionnaire, comparative	53% of ADLs showed a clinically relevant decrease in perceived difficulty.	n.a.	
(ADLs)		47% of ADLs showed a trend towards a clinically relevant decrease in perceived difficulty.		
		In the category 'Family and Social Life' 75% of ADLs showed a clinically relevant decrease in perceived difficulty.		
		In the category 'Mobility and Transporta- tion' 58% of ADLs showed a clinically rele- vant decrease in perceived difficulty.		

<sup>\*</sup> no difference (0), positive trend (+), negative trend (-), significant (++/--), not applicable (n.a.)

# **Author's Conclusion**

"This study showed that the new technological functions of the Genium Bionic Prosthetic Knee for transfemoral amputees of MFCL 3 and 4 lead not only to clear biomechanical benefits compared with the C-Leg but also to a further improvement in the subjective perception of safety and perceived difficulty of many ADLs." (Kannenberg et al., 2013)

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