Do you have leg pain or sores that won’t heal due to your amputation?

If you want to keep your leg?

Most amputations today are performed for serious medical conditions such as vascular disease, trauma, or cancer.

If you have other medical conditions, your doctor may recommend amputation as a way to save your life.

Amputations can save your life. The risk of dying from an infection following a major amputation is much less than the risk of dying from untreated infection. However, amputations can lead to serious infections and other complications.

If you have diabetes, your doctor may recommend surgery to remove nonhealing sores to prevent infection.

If you have cancer, your doctor may recommend amputation to prevent the spread of cancer.

Amputations can be performed for a variety of reasons, including:

- Trauma
- Infection
- Tumor growth
- Severe vascular disease

Amputations can be performed in different ways, including:

- Amputation above the knee
- Amputation below the knee
- Amputation at the ankle
- Amputation of the foot

The High Cost of Amputation!

- Amputation is the most expensive surgical procedure available.
- Amputation costs are over $5,000 per year.
- The U.S. military pays for all of the cost, as well as Medicare and Medicaid.

Knowing your options can improve your outcomes!

- Ask for an angiogram: It can determine if there is any blockage in your arteries that cause your leg pain.
- Get a second opinion: It can help you make an informed decision about your treatment.

References: