

KALEB MEROLA

OCCUPATION: 8th Grade Student



Kaleb has been a patient with AtlanticProCare since 2018. Faced with a condition that had limited him since birth, he and his parents decided on amputation. We met him five months after his operation, when he was convinced he would never walk again. Now an active middle-schooler who very nearly made his middle school baseball team, he will be attending [Camp No Limits](#) this year as our sponsoree. Here, he shares his thoughts.

How did you become an amputee?

I was born with a condition called Fibula Hememilia, where the shin bone is either short or completely missing. Several attempts were made to fix the condition, but they didn't work, and my parents and I thought the best option for me was amputation.

Favorite amputee hacks:

When my leg is sore, I remove my prosthesis and let my leg rest.

The three worst things about being an amputee:

- 1) I can't join the military.
- 2) Having to live with pain at times.
- 3) Emotional ups and downs..

The best things about being an amputee:

These days, there's pretty much nothing I could do with a real leg that I can't do with my prosthesis. Plus, it's fun when kids say I have a robo leg.

"I like to mess with able-bodied people by":

Removing my leg as a joke. It always gets a reaction!

The best advice you'd give someone facing amputation:

Never give up and always think about the best to come!

