Where do you put the patellar bar?







Small coin attached to patellar bar of socket shows location of patellar bar in different positions from flexion to full extension

When viewing an x-ray of a limb during swing phase it is difficult to determine the best placement for a patellar bar. After the frustration of fitting his own socket, Dale Perkins, CPO opted to eliminate the patellar bar and developed the RCR™ Transtibial Socket. The RCR™ socket is the first successful transtibial design with an anterior trim line inferior to the patellar tendon.

Dale Perkins CPO, along with John Michael, CPO teach a full-day 8.75 CEU credit class as part of the OPGA Hands-on Educational Learning Programs.

2009 courses are all ready scheduled and underway!!

Check with OPGA or Coyote Design for dates and locations

RCR™ Socket Benefits:

- Significantly increases the patient's comfortable range of motion
- Allows the amputee to take a longer stride
- Walking up slopes, ramps and stairs is much easier
- Facilitates kneeling on the prosthetic side
- Significantly reduces gapping when sitting
- Improves rotational control dramatically





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