

BEV PELCHAT

OCCUPATION: Retiree



Bev is actually one of our two-time all-stars! A long-time patient, Bev moved away to Arizona. With her spirit and outstanding personality, we were very sad to see her go. So when she later returned to Maine — and thankfully, again, to us — we couldn't have been happier!

How did you become an amputee?

I opted for elective amputation to deal with a neurological pain disorder, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS).

If there were an amputee superhero, his or her name would be:

Ampatastic, because any prosthetic can do amazing things!

The three best things about being an amputee:

- 1) Meeting some new and amazing people
- 2) Helping others
- 3) Volunteering at UNE (to help teach PT students)

The worst advice you've received as an amputee:

When I had the vacuum system and I said the vacuum was loud, I was told I would have to get used to it. (Turned out it was defective and caused harm to my limb!).

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

Going through a drive through with my leg on the passenger seat.

The best advice you'd give someone facing amputation:

Don't give up on yourself. You are your biggest advocate, so always tell your providers your goals!