



Life After Surgery

Osteosarcoma Decision Aid

What Matters Most to You? Practice Statements

Instructions for Practice Statements. Think about how you feel when you read these statements aloud. Try putting some of these statements in your own words to help you try on the perspective. This exercise can help you better understand what you think of as a good life with the different options.

1. It's important to me that my leg looks as normal as possible.
2. It won't bother me to have unexpected surgeries over time.
3. Having a leg that looks normal is more important than being able to play sports.
4. Sports are not important to me.
5. Being active is not important to me.
6. I would rather take a chance on having a normal looking leg even if I have an amputation later.
7. I understand that an amputation after limb salvage surgery might mean having a shorter femur that will be harder to use a prosthesis.
8. I think it's important to do everything I can to save my leg.
9. It wasn't worth it because what I really care about is having the least number of surgeries so I can move on with my life, even if that means having an amputation.
10. Having a backwards foot on my knee would not bother me.
11. Sports are important to me.
12. It's important to me to avoid future surgeries, if possible.
13. I don't mind people asking me questions about my appearance.
14. It's important to me that I blend in with other people.
15. I don't mind standing out in a crowd.
16. I don't mind talking to strangers.
17. If there were complications after a limb salvage surgery that required another type of surgery, I would still think that it was worth it because I really wanted to try to save the leg.
18. If there were complications after a rotationplasty that required an amputation, I would still think it was worth it because I wanted the benefits that came with rotationplasty.
19. Limb salvage was not worth it because what I really care about is having the least number of surgeries so I can move on with life, even if that means having an amputation.
20. I don't mind having a lot of surgeries and potential pain if it means saving my leg and having a normal-looking leg.
21. I feel good about the decision I made regardless of how things turn out for me/my child.
22. I feel like I will always wonder what might have happened if I made a different decision.