

A Legacy of Innovation and Compassion: Jan Stokosa, CP, FAAOP, Celebrates 50 Years in Prosthetic Care

Blending Advanced Technology, Precision Fit, and a Lifelong Commitment to Restoring Mobility and Enhancing Lives



New York City, New York Aug 15, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Jan Stokosa, CP, FAAOP, a pioneering figure in the field of prosthetics, proudly commemorates over five decades of dedicated service and groundbreaking innovation in prosthetic care. His private practice, Stokosa Prosthetic Clinic, located in Okemos, Michigan, is renowned for catering to a diverse clientele, including competitive athletes and

older adults, all seeking optimal prosthetic solutions tailored to their unique lifestyles.

Since launching his career in 1969 after graduating at the top of his class from Northwestern University's inaugural Prosthetics Practitioner Program, Dr. Stokosa has established himself as a steadfast advocate for amputees, specializing in personalized, cutting-edge prosthetic solutions. His passion for the field was sparked at a young age, when he began assisting his father in the fabrication of prosthetics. This early exposure laid the groundwork for a career marked by empathy, innovation, and a deep understanding of the complexities of human anatomy and biomechanics.

"From a very young age, I was fascinated by the human body and its capabilities," Dr. Stokosa reflects. "My father was my greatest teacher, and his dedication to helping others inspired me to pursue a career in prosthetics."

One of Dr. Stokosa's groundbreaking achievements was becoming one of the first practitioners in Michigan to fit an arm amputee with a myoelectric prosthesis shortly after surgery. This innovative approach allowed the patient to regain functionality almost immediately, showcasing Dr. Stokosa's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for his patients through advanced technology.

In 1978, Dr. Stokosa co-founded the Institute for the Advancement of Prosthetics (IAP) with business partner Bill Barr, a former Illinois State Representative and a victim of a tragic car bombing that led to his amputation. Their collaboration was born out of a shared mission to alleviate the suffering of amputees and improve prosthetic care. Through extensive research and development, they aimed to create comfortable and practical prosthetic solutions, benefiting countless individuals seeking to regain their independence.

Over the years, Stokosa Prosthetic Clinic evolved, focusing primarily on transtibial amputations. Dr. Stokosa has developed numerous innovative techniques and procedures that have enabled patients to return to active and fulfilling lives. "Comfort is our number one priority," Dr. Stokosa states. "When an amputee feels comfortable in their prosthesis, they can pursue their passions and live life to the fullest. We're dedicated to using our talent and knowledge to achieve that goal."

The clinic's reputation is built on word-of-mouth referrals, a testament to the high level of care and expertise provided. Many patients arrive with complex cases and previous experiences with other practitioners, seeking Dr. Stokosa's innovative fitting and care approach. His personalized attention and commitment to excellence make a significant impact on the lives of those he serves.

Dr. Stokosa's contributions to the field have not gone unnoticed; he is recognized as a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics (FAAOP) and maintains active memberships with numerous professional organizations. These include the American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists, the International Society for Prosthetics & Orthotics, the National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics, the National Rehabilitation Association, the Michigan Rehabilitation Association, the American Board for Certification in Prosthetics & Orthotics, the Michigan Orthotic & Prosthetic Association, and the Amputee Coalition of America. His commitment to ongoing education and collaboration within the field ensures that he remains at the forefront of prosthetic advancements.

Among the accolades he has received are Crain's Health Care Hero 2020, Distinguished Practitioner from the American Academy of Orthotics & Prosthetics, and recognition from the United States National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame for his work in teaching the physically challenged to ski. His dedication to empowering those with disabilities extends into various aspects of life, as evidenced by his many

awards, including the 1982 Outstanding Young Michigander from the Michigan Jaycees.

As technology continues to evolve, Dr. Stokosa remains grounded in the foundational principles instilled in him by his father: to listen to amputees, embrace innovation, and strive for excellence. His dedication to research and development in prosthetics has transformed countless individuals' lives and contributed significantly to the field as a whole.

Outside of his professional commitments, Dr. Stokosa enjoys spending quality time with his family, golfing, traveling, and cherishing moments with his beloved schnauzers.

As he reflects on his remarkable journey, Dr. Jan Stokosa remains committed to his mission of improving the lives of amputees and advancing the field of prosthetics for future generations.

Learn More about Jan Stokosa:

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