

**Mayo Clinic Minute**

**Wounded Warrior**

Video	Audio
	<p>((nat sound - working in limb lab)</p> <p>In this lab, experts team with Mayo Clinic doctors to build arms and legs for soldiers who've lost limbs on the battlefield.</p>
<p><b>Kenton Kaufman, Ph.D.</b> <b>Biomechanics expert</b> <b>Mayo Clinic</b></p>	<p>"We test prostheses. We design them."</p>
	<p>Mayo Clinic Dr. Kenton Kaufman and his team are dedicated to making the lives of wounded warriors and other amputees better.</p>
<p><b>Kenton Kaufman, Ph.D.</b> <b>Biomechanics expert</b> <b>Mayo Clinic</b></p>	<p>"Our goal is to have them learn to use their prostheses in a more effective manor and hopefully increase their function and quality of life."</p>
	<p>He says studies show the quality of life for someone with an amputation is about half that of someone without an amputation. For example, people with amputations fall down more. So the Mayo team, funded by the Department of Defense, studies ways to help prevent falls from happening. They also work to design and test devices so people who have lost limbs can return to normal, everyday activities.</p>
	<p>Serving those who have served our country.</p>
<p><b>Vivien Williams</b></p>	<p>I'm Vivien Williams. For more health news, visit the Mayo Clinic News Network.</p>