Northwestern University is conducting a study to develop a new hybrid prosthetic vacuum pump to better hold the prosthetic socket on the residual limb. As part of this study, we are conducting a focus group consisting of 8 prosthesis users.

The focus group will be held online via Zoom. There will be one session held, which will last no more than 3 hours. Prior to participation we will ask each participant to complete an online survey to collect descriptive information.

During the focus group, study participants will engage in a guided conversation relating to experiences using vacuum-assisted prosthetic suspension. The experience, insight, ideas and expertise of lower-limb prosthesis users is sought to inform the development of our system.

During the focus group, a moderator will ask a series of questions of the group. The conversation will be recorded for later transcription, but individual answers will not be linked to individuals.

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