

Special Edition

Rehabilitation Technologies Marks 20 Years of Prosthetic and Orthotic Care

Hi Everybody!

The Rehab Tech family is marking a milestone this year - 20 years of orthotic and prosthetic care to the Greater Syracuse community. We feel very fortunate that we have been able to make a difference in our patients' lives since 1988.

We weren't sure what the outcome would be when we moved back to Syracuse from Memphis all those years ago, but we were able to build our business and become care providers to people with a wide range of disabilities. We want to thank all those people for choosing us to help them, and to let them know that we consider them extended members of our family.

Thank you also to the physicians and therapists who recommended our services to their patients.

As we celebrate our anniversary, we invite you to take a trip down memory lane with us.



Mike and Terry Hall and Jeremy Hall



Mike Hall, CPO, established Rehabilitation Technologies of Syracuse, Inc. in 1988.

We certainly have seen techniques and products evolve through the years. When Mike entered the profession in the 1970s, prosthetics and orthotics hadn't yet evolved to the level of materials and technology available today. Prosthetics were primarily exoskeletal in design (a hollow shell) and orthotic devices were rigid plastic or heavy metals with cumbersome straps. Computer aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) was not yet available.

Through the years, Mike has kept up with advancements in complex technology and improved materials to help patients facing physical challenges improve their function and mobility. He was one of the first practitioners in the Northeast to receive his certification to fit the high-tech C-Leg®, which improves

the mobility of above-knee amputees. Mike is also certified in the Rho Knee® and is an expert on fitting upper extremity conventional and myoelectric prostheses, energy storing components, dynamic response feet, and the latest in lightweight orthoses.

Mike is a second generation prosthetist and learned about the profession as a teenager when he worked summers with his father, George, who became a practitioner after a heart attack ended his career in construction.

After high school, Mike enrolled in Olive Harvey College, Chicago, and then continued his studies at Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center. Mike became a certified orthotist in 1974 and a certified prosthetist in 1975.

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Mike Hall adjusts a prosthesis in the Rehab Tech lab.

We were married in 1974 and moved to Chicago where Mike was an instructor in orthotics at Northwestern University's Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the RIC. After two years, we moved to Memphis, Tenn., and Mike taught orthotics at Shelby State Community College. Because we missed our family and friends in New York, we moved back to the area. Mike first worked at another firm before striking out on his own and establishing Rehabilitation Technologies of Syracuse, Inc. in 1988.

Terry, a graduate from SUNY Cobleskill with an associate's degree in science/laboratory technology with majors in biology and chemistry, became a certified

fitter of orthotics (CFO). She sees patients as well as handling duties as the office manager.

Jeremy Hall is the third generation of Halls to become a certified prosthetist. Jeremy, who is the oldest of our three sons, worked summers at Rehab Tech since he was 14, and became an ABC-registered prosthetics/orthotics technician (RTP/O) in the spring of 1998. After working for O & P firms in Ithaca and Elmira, he rejoined the family firm in 2001. He received his ABC certification in prosthetics in 2004.

In addition to seeing patients at the Erie Medical Plaza, we also have extended our

outreach to patients at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg since 2002, making the 2.5 hour drive on the first and third Friday of every month. Mike also sees area nursing facility residents. While the number of patients and the scope of products and services have increased since 1988, our policy of making their patients comfortable through a caring atmosphere, personalized service, and a positive experience has never wavered.



Terry Hall, CFO, and Jeremy Hall, CP, consult over an orthotic knee brace.

We are truly blessed to have known all of you, and been able to provide a health care service to you.

Sincerely,

Mike and Terry Hall and Jeremy Hall