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“Arms Race” comes to Wells

An interactive comparison of cutting edge bionic hands: Michelangelo, Quantum & Bebionic.



September 29, 2015, Wells, ME: Cunningham Prosthetic Care is partnering with the world’s leading prosthetic manufacturers and the York County Community College to present a free, interactive presentation for the public designed to showcase exciting new prosthetic technologies that are changing lives. The event will be on October 20, 2015 at 5:30 at the YCCC campus at 112 College Drive. The “Arms Race” will bring together three unique, state-of-the-art bionic hands from Ottobock, Touch Bionics and SteeperUSA showcasing the innovative ways that the world’s leading manufacturers have created life-like, fully articulated hands. This is

a rare opportunity to see a wide range of cutting edge technologies brought together in one location for an in-depth comparison. Attendees will meet amputees who use these hands and learn how they change lives for the people that use them. They will be able to operate working hands to point, gesture and manipulate objects. A no-cost, no-obligation Clinic will follow on 10/24 at Cunningham Prosthetic Care where individuals who might benefit from these technologies will receive an in-depth, one-on-one assessment. Attendance for all events is free but pre-registration is required for the Clinic. Educational presentations will also be offered throughout the day with area practices.

Owner and lead clinician, Jerald Cunningham CPO, says “Thanks to movies and video games, everyone knows how cool these hands are but what is often overlooked is what a difference these hand make to regular people’s lives.” People assume that this type of high-level technology is only suitable for soldiers and others with extreme needs. In fact, providing a hand that can turn, grasp, point and gesture decreases the load on the sound arm which can become injured through over use. Says Cunningham, “I know a 32 year old mother of 2 who was completely disabled by over-use injury of her sound side – she couldn’t drive a car or push a grocery cart”. Education for the public and health care professionals alike is critical to spread the word about what is possible and how it can help restore lives.

Our “Arms Race” is a chance to get up close and personal with these hands and compare and contrast how each has unique benefits that can help different people – while having fun! Want to reprogram your hand on-the-fly for a new task using your iPhone? How about walking into your office and having your hand “know” that you are sitting down to type? Or, having your hand automatically adjust when you open the cap on your plastic soda bottle so you don’t make a mess – all these things and more are becoming increasingly routine as the manufacturers work to integrate these prosthetic hands into real life.

About Cunningham Prosthetic Care: [Cunningham Prosthetic Care](http://CunninghamCare.com) provides custom designed and fabricated prosthetic and orthotic devices as well as off-the-shelf bracing. The Cunninghams opened the doors of their Wells facility in June of 2015. Highlights of the new practice include:

- 15 years of experience and state-of-the-art equipment and technologies to enhance the patient experience.
- Warm and whimsical office design with local art to create a welcoming and nurturing atmosphere.
- Located close to the York Hospital at Wells and less than 30 minutes from Portland or Portsmouth.
- The only provider in Maine or New Hampshire for the world’s 3 leading bionic hands.
- Certification in all of the latest lower limb technologies; C-leg 4, Genium, X3, Rheo 3, Proprio ankle, etc.
- On-site lab for real-time adjustment and fabrication with 24 hour turnaround capability.

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