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Delving a little further, the original ABC scores obtained with the legacy knee systems averaged a confidence level of 60 percent, consistent with the values reported by Miller et al. for community-dwelling adults with transfemoral amputations.\(^2\)

By contrast, the average scores while using the C-Leg Compact were reported at just below 76 percent, a confidence that approaches that of normal, community-dwelling older adults.

**Summing It Up**

The K2 population is a very heterogeneous one, with patients who are challenged by outdoor environmental barriers, and patients who appear ready to accept the challenges of variable cadence and outdoor community walking. Despite these differences, they tend to share underlying concerns of safety and stability. Accordingly, at the transfemoral amputation level, the choice of prosthetic knee is an important one. This choice is made more difficult by the realization that appropriate solutions can range from the simplicity of a conventional manual locking knee to the technical elegance of today’s MPKs. The challenge for rehabilitation professionals is to match the appropriate knee option with the performance potential of each individual. Fortunately, a number of crossover trials provide insights to guide the decision-making process. \(\text{OF EDGE}\)

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