

## **Van Nes Rotationplasty**

A procedure pioneered by Van Nes and applied to PFFD and bone tumour patients in the 1950's.

The knee is fused or set into place and the foot is turned or rotated all the way around, so the ankle joint works in the opposite direction and is used as the knee joint.

The rotated foot will then be fitted into an artificial leg (prosthesis) and the function of the leg is similar to that of a below the knee amputation.

Sometimes, as the child grows and uses their ankle as their knee joint, the power of the muscles in the leg may cause de-rotation of the rotated leg. If this happens, it may require more surgeries.