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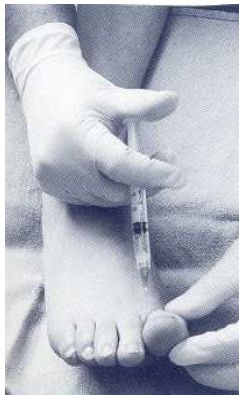
Podiatrists are medically trained healthcare professionals who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the foot and lower limb.

As specialists we play an important role in treating pathologies, either independently or as part of a team with other medical professionals.

Evolving from a long-established and respected profession that was until recently known as chiropody, today's podiatrists carry not only a modern name but use the most modern techniques and technology in treating foot problems.

In Manitoba, the profession is governed by an Act of provincial legislation: The Podiatrists Act (Chapter C36) which appoints a Regulatory Body, to ensure qualification standards in its membership, to actively further skills and training, and to deal with discipline issues.

In Manitoba, only those practitioners who have graduated from an accredited school of Podiatry and who meet the minimum entry requirements are eligible to become licensed members of the College.



"Staff at the Diabetic Foot and Complicated Wound Clinic routinely use the services of Podiatrists in the ongoing management of the diabetic foot condition"

- Dr, John Embil, Director and Marie Darcell, Nurse Clinician Diabetic Foot and Complicated Wound Clinic, Health Sciences Centre.

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Licensed podiatrists must be graduates of an accredited University Degree in Podiatry. Many also pursue post-graduate courses in this field.

In addition to podiatry training, we receive theoretical and practical training in medical sciences, surgery, pharmacology, dermatology, anatomy and therapeutics.



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U** The College of Podiatrists of Manitoba ensures that members adhere to their College's legislation, practice standards, infection control and mandatory continuing education regimen.

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**As per the Podiatrists Act, C36:**

"The practice of podiatry is the use of medical, physical or surgical methods to prevent, diagnose and treat ailments, diseases, deformities and injuries of the human foot, but does not include treatment of systemic disease, except for the local manifestations in the foot."

"For the purpose of this Act, the human foot includes the articulation of the tibia and fibula with the bones and muscles and tendons directly affecting foot function."

"I work with podiatrists frequently in my practice. I appreciate their professional credentials, training and their scientific approach to patient care. There is a significant emphasis on peer-reviewed and evidence based practice. I do not hesitate to recommend that my colleagues seek out the services of a podiatrist."

- T. S. Chlysta, MD.

**Our scope of practice includes:**

- \* diabetic foot management (preventative care & intervention to reduce the risk of lower limb amputation)
- \* treatment of chronic foot pain (due to structural stress, soft tissue changes, repetitive strain)
- \* management of the arthritic foot (associated with deformity and tissue viability in rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and sero-negative arthritides)
- \* management of locomotor dysfunctions affecting the foot (cerebral palsy, polio, spina bifida, charcot-marie-tooth disease)
- \* diagnosis and management of nail pathologies (nail dystrophies, onychocryptosis:- conservative or surgical management)
- \* removal of benign cutaneous or sub-cutaneous lesions (with or without local anesthetic)
- \* design foot orthoses including prescription and fabrication



- \* sports injuries
- \* seniors foot health management
- \* pediatric foot pathologies



- \* footwear (assessment, prescription modification)
- \* foot health education (public seminars/patient education)
- \* high risk patient management (vascular, neuropathic)

"I am particularly impressed by the way you take time to explain symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. I have referred many patients who have all been highly satisfied with treatment and follow up provided."

- Dr. P. G. Mehta