

Diabetes and Podiatry

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For the twenty-eighth consecutive year, *Podiatry Management* is proud to present our annual special diabetes care issue containing a large assortment of technical and practice management articles on this important topic. Because of the pedal effects of diabetes, podiatrists have been thrust into a front-line position on the healthcare team dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of this condition. Most hospitals and wound care centers now proudly boast of the availability of podiatrists, a far cry from only thirty years ago, a time when DPMs had to struggle just to obtain hospital privileges. Therefore, it is essential that we continue to be on the leading edge of diabetic foot care.



Our expertise in preventing, managing, and treating diabetes-related manifestations in the feet and ankles has helped us reach a meaningful level of respect in allopathic medicine. No other medical specialist combines the expertise in biomechanical off-loading, surgery, and wound care.

This special issue contains a wide range of diabetes-related articles, both clinical and practice management-oriented—from Coding Cellular Tissue Products, Post-Surgical Bone Infection, Exosome Therapy, and Building a Diabetic Practice to Diabetes and Telemedicine, A Therapeutic Shoe Program Update, Using Clinical Practice Guidelines, and Healing with ADMs. If you are not part of a diabetic healthcare team, it's never too late to join one. The incidence of diabetes grows each year, and with it the need for podiatrists specializing in the treatment and prevention of diabetes-related foot and ankle conditions. With the renewed post-pandemic importance of MACRA, our expertise in diabetes makes it even more important to become involved in this rapidly growing field of medicine.

Respectfully Submitted,

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