



MONITOR YOUR FOOT HEALTH

Start today with a podiatric foot exam

THE IMPORTANCE OF A FOOT EXAMINATION

A Comprehensive Diabetic Foot Exam (CDFE) is performed by a podiatrist to determine your risk of developing serious wounds that could lead to infection and amputation.

Your podiatrist will check your sensory perception (feeling), circulation, and your orthopedic foot structure. The findings of your CDFE will determine your eligibility to receive Medicare coverage for diabetic footwear and inserts through Medicare's Therapeutic Shoe Program.

If the CDFE determines that your feet are at increased risk of ulceration, your podiatrist may prescribe shoes that are covered by a special Medicare program.

WHY FOOTWEAR MATTERS

Diabetic shoes are specifically designed for foot protection, pressure relief and support. These shoes feature extra depth to accommodate prescribed inserts to ensure that your feet are protected and comfortable throughout the day.

THE COST OF YOUR SHOES MAY BE COVERED BY MEDICARE

The 1993 Therapeutic Shoe Bill covers a pair of shoes and inserts every calendar year. Protective footwear can reduce complications of the foot and the number of diabetic amputations.

Coverage is limited to shoes and inserts meeting certain requirements for patients with specific clinical conditions.

Ask your healthcare professional for more information

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DIABETES AND YOUR FEET

Diabetes can develop from a lack of insulin production or the inability of insulin to perform its normal everyday functions. People with diabetes can develop foot problems which can lead to very serious complications.

NEUROPATHY

60 - 70% of the over 29 million Americans suffering from diabetes are estimated to have nerve damage. People suffering from neuropathy may not feel minor cuts, scrapes, blisters, or pressure sores. If these minor injuries are left untreated, infection may result and lead to ulceration and possibly even amputation.

POOR CIRCULATION

Diabetes often leads to peripheral vascular disease. Poor circulation reduces the amount of oxygen and nutrients supplied to the skin and other tissue, inhibiting the healing of injuries. Poor circulation can also lead to dryness of the skin. Preventing foot complications is more critical for the patient with diabetes, since poor circulation impairs the healing process and can lead to ulcers, infection and other serious foot conditions.

SHOE GUIDE AND SELECTION

SafeStep features a variety of shoe manufacturers to ensure best fit, optimal protection and comfort.

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YOUR DAILY CARE

Daily observation of the feet is critical. By taking the necessary preventative footcare measures, you can help reduce the risks of serious foot conditions.

FOOT HEALTH CARE TIPS

- Inspect your feet daily for blisters, cuts and scratches. Always check for cracks in the skin between your toes.
- Wear shoes that are designed to protect your feet from injury.
- Wash your feet daily and dry carefully.
- Avoid extreme temperatures. Test water with your hands or elbow before bathing.
- If your feet feel cold at night, wear socks.
- Inspect the insides of your shoes for foreign objects and rough areas.
- Shoes should be fitted by a footcare specialist and be comfortable at the time of purchase.
- See your podiatrist regularly

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