

## WHAT IS A PODIATRIST?

Podiatrists look after the health of people's feet by diagnosing, treating and preventing foot abnormalities, and by teaching the public about good foot health.

## ROLES OF A PODIATRIST

Podiatrists may perform the following tasks:

- Treat high risk pathologies that threaten the integrity of the lower limb.
- Perform minor surgical procedures on the foot.
- Diagnose, treat and provide advice on foot disorders.
- Improve mobility and independence of individuals by the prevention and management of foot problems.
- A primary source of information for the community in all matters relating to the foot.
- Provide foot health education to other health care professionals.
- Treat abnormalities of bones, joints, skin and nails such as bunions, toe deformities, ingrown toenails, corns, warts and other infections.
- Recommend appropriate footwear for specific foot conditions.
- Prescribe orthotic devices for protection and correction of a wide range of foot and leg abnormalities.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Podiatrist
- Senior Podiatrist
- Chief Podiatrist

## QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Podiatry), or equivalent
- Eligible for registration with the Podiatrists Registration Board NSW

## SPECIALISATIONS

Podiatrists may develop a special interest in dealing with particular client groups such as children, the aged or sports people. They may also work in a particular area such as occupational health, or with general medical conditions that result in problems of the feet and legs.

Podiatrists work indoors in public hospitals, community health centres, nursing homes and private practice.

## SUPERVISION PROVIDED

New graduate Podiatrists are supervised and mentored by the Senior Podiatrist and participate in a comprehensive orientation program to the Health Service.

## PODIATRIST

High value is placed on continual education. Podiatrists are encouraged to participate actively in a range of activities both within the Area Health Service and externally.

### WHAT SORT OF PERSON SHOULD I BE?

- Desire to work with people
- Independent and highly motivated
- Enjoy working closely with other health professionals

### PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS OF A PODIATRIST

- Desire to work with people on a one-to-one basis
- Able to work independent and part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Enjoy health care
- Good communication skills
- Good with hands.
- Efficient time management abilities

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