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Initial wound evaluation and treatment in a podiatrist's office / who and what is a podiatrist?

The Podiatric Physician is often the “Gatekeeper” of Diabetic and PAD wounds of the feet – with the result that they will begin wound care and at the same time triage the patient to the appropriate vascular entity for circulation evaluation and, often, revascularization. Since Vascular surgeons will be receiving patients with care begun, it is vital that they understand what is in front of them as far as care, bandaging, ongoing treatment, etc. Part of this is for the vascular physician to understand WHAT a podiatrist is – their full scope of training, the treatment options available both before and after revascularization in order to close the wounds present. This lecture reviews the various initial treatments upon first evaluation, how the vascular surgeon should care for the wounds by following the podiatric protocols, and describes at length the training and skills of the podiatric physician.

Recent Publications

1. Matthew Biggerstaff, David Alper et al Results from the second year of a collaborative effort to forecast influenza seasons in the United States, *Epidemics* February (2018), DOI: 10.1016/j.epidem.2018.02.003
2. Mark Dredze, David Alper et al Results from the centers for disease control and preventions predict the 2013–2014 Influenza Season Challenge July (2016) *BMC Infectious Diseases* 16(1) DOI:10.1186/s12879-016-1669-x

Biography

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