

Podiatry in our Trust

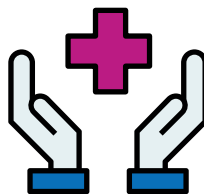


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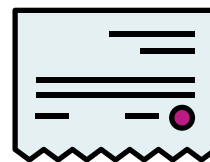
What is podiatry?



Podiatry is the new name for chiropody. This used to be general care such as reducing thick toenails or hard skin.

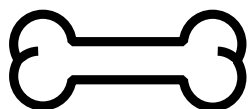


Now podiatry includes lots of things around the medical practice of treating disorders of the foot and ankle, and the lower limbs.



Podiatrists are Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered professionals, many are part of The Royal College of Podiatry, which is their professional body.

What are some of the things podiatrists do in the Trust?



Manage musculoskeletal pain through exercise rehabilitation and by manufacturing custom made orthotics or insoles.



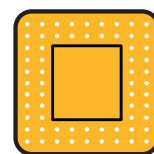
Prevent and manage foot conditions in diabetic patients.



Perform sensory and vascular assessments (checking pulses to the feet) to prevent loss of limbs through amputation.



Perform nail surgery if a person is suffering from recurring painful in grown toenails.



Carry out advanced wound care to reduce the risk of amputations and hospital admission

Where can a career in podiatry take me?

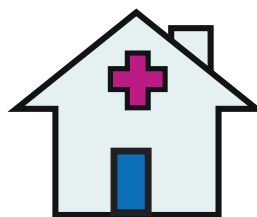
Podiatry offers many possibilities for career development, some things you can do are:



Work in the NHS treating high risk feet



Work in biomechanics with sports professionals



Open your own practice

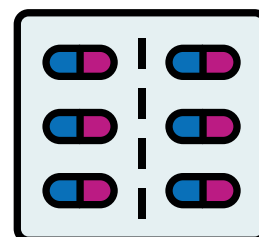


Get involved in further research

How do I train to be a podiatrist?



You must take extensive training at university for three years. There lots to learn!



As well as practical skills, you need to know medical conditions that affect the foot and lower limb, medications, anatomy of the lower limb, and how we move, known as gait.

For more information on podiatry, visit the Royal College of Podiatry website:
rcpod.org.uk

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