

Podiatry Referral Form

DO NOT USE THIS FORM IF YOU ARE DIABETIC

PLEASE ASK YOUR GP STAFF TO BOOK YOU IN WITH A DIABETIC SPECIALIST PODIATRIST AT YOUR SURGERY

Dear Patient, HELP US TO HELP YOU.

Please first read the notes on the back page and complete the form in full, giving us as much detail about your foot problem as you can. If you leave details out, the form may have to be returned to you which would delay the treatment.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Master/Other (please Specify).....

Name..... Date of Birth.....

If under 16 Parent/Guardian Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Tel No Home..... Work..... Mobile.....

GP Practice.....

Referred by Self/GP/Health Visitor/Practice Nurse/District Nurse/Physio

Other (please specify).....

Ethnic origin (these categories are used in the national census)

White: British Irish Other white background

Mixed: White /Black Caribbean White /Black African

White Asian Other mixed background

Asian or Asian background: Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi

Black: British Caribbean African Other Black background

Other ethnic group: Chinese Other Not Stated

Medical History

Please tick if you have any of the following:

Heart Problems Rheumatoid Arthritis Varicose Veins

Poor Circulation Stroke Mobility Problems Diabetes

Other (please state).....

Do you take steroids or anticoagulants? Yes / No

Please list any medications or attach a copy of your current repeat prescription

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Have you any allergies? Yes / No Describe.....

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What is your foot problem?

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Are you receiving treatment for this problem elsewhere? Yes/No

Have you been treated by NHS podiatry before Yes/No

Comments / Further Information

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Is there any day / time you can not attend?.....

Please tick which clinic you wish to attend

Carlisle Brampton Longtown Alston

Penrith Appleby Shap Kirkby Stephen

Patients Signature Date.....

Please return completed form to: Podiatry Department
North Carlisle Medical Practice
Eden Street
Carlisle
CA3 9JZ

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Date received.....

NHS / Hospital No.....

Priority: Urgent / Non Urgent Status: R B P RH D T

Contact Notes.....

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Podiatrists signature.....

Triage Date

Anyone of any age is eligible for foot lower leg assessment

Podiatrists are trained to assess and treat any problem of the foot and ankle and lower leg.

What happens after you send your referral in

Your form will be checked by a senior podiatrist, this means that the podiatrist will assess whether your problem is urgent or not, and whether you need to be seen by a specialist podiatrist. This is why you should give as much detail about your problem as possible.

If your problem is assessed as urgent, a member of staff will contact you to offer the first available appointment. This may not be the clinic that you have selected.

Non urgent referrals are sorted into areas, and will be contacted when assessment clinics are available at your chosen clinic. If you have requested a home visit a podiatrist will probably contact you and your GP to confirm the need for this.

Please note that it is always better to be treated in clinic where all the relevant equipment is at hand, particularly a bright light and proper chairs.

What can you expect from your first appointment

All NHS podiatrists are registered with the Health Professions Council (HPC) and are required by law to carry out a thorough medical history and assessment of your feet before carrying out any treatment. This will include asking about previous medical problems and skin/nail disorders.

The podiatrist may also test for sensation, vascular problems and joint movement depending on your foot problem.

The appointment will last about half an hour. The podiatrist will assess the problem and discuss possible treatment options with you.

The options may include:

- Advice on how you or your carer can manage your own foot care, including advice on suitable footwear.
- Offer a course of treatment.
- Refer you to a specialist podiatrist, depending on your foot problem.
- You may receive treatment at assessment if this appropriate, but this is not always possible or advisable. If further treatment is necessary the podiatrist will arrange another appointment.
- You will be discharged at completion of your course of treatment. In some cases this may be on your first visit.

What you should bring to your first appointment

- Your appointment letter / card
- A list of your current medicine / tablets
- A selection of your shoes, including slippers