

Roles and Responsibilities- Podiatrist

Role Overview:

The Podiatrist is responsible for diagnosing, treating, and managing conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and lower limb. This role focuses on improving patient mobility, relieving pain, preventing complications, and promoting overall foot health. The podiatrist will provide both clinical care and education, supporting patients of all ages and collaborating with other healthcare professionals to deliver holistic care.

Key Responsibilities:

Clinical Care

- Assess, diagnose, and treat foot and lower limb conditions such as injuries, infections, deformities, and chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes-related complications).
- Provide routine foot care, including nail care, callus and corn removal, and wound management.
- Prescribe, design, and fit orthotics, footwear modifications, or braces as required.
- Manage sports-related injuries and rehabilitation programs.
- Perform minor surgical procedures within the scope of practice.
- Monitor and manage high-risk patients, particularly those with diabetes, vascular issues, or mobility challenges.

Patient Care & Education

- Educate patients on foot health, self-care practices, and preventive measures.
- Provide tailored advice on footwear, exercise, and injury prevention.
- Build strong, compassionate relationships with patients to encourage compliance with treatment plans.

Collaboration & Referrals

- Collaborate with general practitioners, physiotherapists, orthopedic specialists, and other allied health professionals to coordinate patient care.
- Refer patients for further medical or surgical intervention where necessary.

Compliance & Documentation

- Maintain accurate and confidential patient records in compliance with practice standards and legal requirements.
- Follow strict infection control and sterilization procedures.

- Adhere to all professional guidelines, ethical standards, and workplace health and safety policies.

Professional Development

- Stay updated on the latest research, technology, and best practices in podiatry.
- Participate in professional development activities and maintain current registration and required certifications.