

Diabetic Ulcer Treatment Options

Up to 25 percent of people with diabetes will develop a foot ulcer during their lifetime, according to a 2008 article published in the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (JAPMA). Foot ulcers and infections are the most common reason for hospitalization of people with diabetes. Treating them costs the U.S. health care system tens of billions of dollars. However, diabetic ulcerations and amputations are largely preventable. Under a podiatrist's regular care, amputation rates can be reduced by 45 to 85 percent. The following flow chart describes the progression of treatment options for a person with a diabetic ulcer.



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