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Podiatry - Foot health education

Inspecting your feet for the signs and symptoms of foot health problems that need urgent attention

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Monday to Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.00pm

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Why do I need to inspect my feet?

As part of your continued commitment to maintaining the good health of your feet, it is important that you inspect them every day. You need to be aware of their **usual** appearance, sensation and temperature, so that you can recognise anything **unusual** or if change occurs. Checking every day is even more important if you have nerve damage or poor blood flow.

Daily inspection will increase your awareness of the health of your feet, and provide the best opportunity for you to respond quickly to any changes if they do happen.

What do I need to be aware of when inspecting my feet?

Look out for:

- Bumps, lumps, blisters or bruises
- Cuts, sores, or cracked skin
- A discharge which may be discoloured and smell
- Patches of thin or shiny skin
- Areas of redness with or without swelling
- · Temperature differences one part warm, another cold
- Pain, sharp and stabbing, throbbing, tingling
- Numbness, over-sensitivity or no feeling at all
- Ingrown toenails with red, puffy skin along the nail, tenderness or pain
- Any of the above along with generally feeling unwell

How do I inspect my feet?

The best time to inspect your feet is after a bath, shower or when feet are newly washed, but dry (including between the toes). Sit in a well-lit room on a stool, bed or chair.

If you are unable to bend over or to see well, pull your feet up to check them and use a long handled or magnifying mirror or ask someone else who is able to check your feet.

Lift each foot and look at the top, side and back of each foot, and in between each toe. Press each toe in turn. Use cotton wool to touch each area of the foot lightly. Are the toes and foot warm and pink, with normal sensation?

What else should I be aware of?

- Foot pain
- Changes to the appearance or sensation in your feet
- · Changes in skin colour or texture
- Cramp in your feet or legs
- Dry feet can crack and cause pressure sores
- Even the tiniest crack can become infected.

If I see or feel any changes that concern me, what do I need to do?

Make an appointment to see your GP, Practice Nurse or this NHS Podiatry Service as soon as possible. Keep useful numbers handy, and know who to contact at the first sign of problems with your feet.

Emergency Drop-in Podiatry Foot Clinics

Please note these clinics are for emergencies only – and not for fungal/discoloured nail or routine podiatry or nail cutting. If you do not have an emergency foot problem you will not be seen.

Fountains Health 3rd Floor Delamere Street Chester CH1 4DS

Fridays 9.00am – 10.45am

Excludes Bank Holidays

Stanney Lane Clinic

Stanney Lane

Ellesmere Port CH65 9HA Tuesdays 9.00am – 10.45am

Excludes Bank Holidays

The doors open at 8.30 and the clinics start at 9.00. Patients are seen on a first come first served basis and must arrive before 10.45. Being seen can involve a wait.

If you can, call the Podiatry Service on 01244 385000 to let us know you intend to attend.

If you have a problem that you think needs urgent attention and you are unable to attend a drop in clinic, please call the Podiatry Service and a podiatrist will call you back and give you advice or if necessary, arrange an appointment for you.

People who access our services are welcome to talk to the Team Manager if they are experiencing any problems with their care.