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# Podiatrist

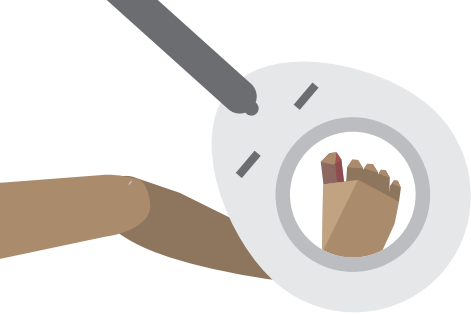


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## About the role

Podiatrists diagnose and treat a wide range of mobility and medical conditions of the feet and lower limbs. They help to improve a person's movement, independence and quality of life.

**“As a podiatrist, you can work in lots of different areas, like biomechanics, dermatology or diabetic foot care. It's a very practical and hands-on job. I enjoy helping people with their foot problems, literally getting them back on their feet!”**

– Podiatrist

### Did you know?

There are more than 12,000 registered podiatrists in the UK<sup>(1)</sup> and over 700 working in the NHS in Scotland.<sup>(2)</sup>

### → How to pursue this role

You can get into this career through a Podiatry undergraduate degree programme. You'll then need to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

### ☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- working in a team
- communicating with people
- problem-solving skills
- persuading and motivating people
- observational skills

#### References:

1. Health and Care Professions Council, registrant data, September 2020
2. Turas Data Intelligence, NHSScotland workforce data, June 2020

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