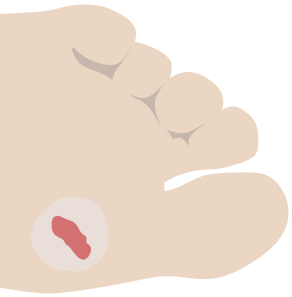
The INVALUABLE Role of Podiatric Surgeons

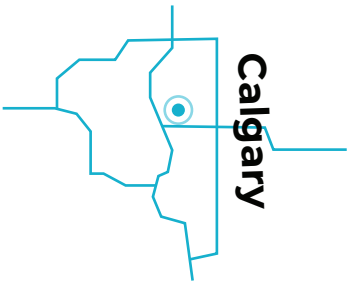


Podiatric surgeons specialize in the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and infection.

They work to reduce the rate of major lower-limb amputation (LLA) and increase quality of life by performing limb preservation surgery.

The Zivot Limb Preservation Centre (ZLPC) in Calgary, Alberta is a multidisciplinary centre dedicated to diabetic foot complications.

ZLPC is staffed by a fully integrated and publicly funded team of podiatric surgeons, vascular surgeons and other specialists to provide limb preservation services.



DIABETES

Currently more than **1.1 million Albertans** (24% of our population) live with diabetes or pre-diabetes. This is forecasted to increase to **1.4 million** (28% of our population) by 2028.

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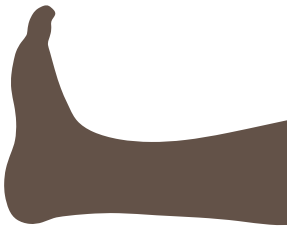
More than **one third** of all diabetes treatment costs are attributed to the treatment of diabetic foot complications.

Without access to publicly funded podiatric surgeons Albertans are **TWICE** as likely to suffer major lower limb amputations as a result of diabetes.



Amputations due to diabetic foot complications cost Alberta more than **$ 86 million** annually.

Major lower-limb amputations drastically reduce ones quality of life and life expectancy. **52%** of patients who suffer a major LLA die within two years of the procedure.

Since it's inception the Zivot Limb Preservation Centre has been able to decrease the number of diabetes-related major lower limb amputations by **47%** and reduce related costs by **$19 million** annually.