

SME Clinic Orthotic Clinical Management of the Neuropathic Diabetic Foot

Care and treatment of today's diabetic patient requires a team effort in the medical community. This is especially true when it comes to management of the diabetic foot. Understanding the biomechanical complexities that lead to excessive plantar pressures and sheering forces is essential to finding the root cause of calluses and ulcers in this patient population. Just as this disease produces internal issues such as neuropathy; it also manifests itself in anatomical changes in the diabetic foot which include claw toes, hammertoes, Charcot Osteoarthropathy, wounds and amputation.

This is why having an ancillary resource such as SME Clinic is crucial in the continuity and quality of care of each of your diabetic patients. With specialized clinical training in the orthotic management and treatment of the neuropathic diabetic foot; we are that trusted extension of your practice that will compliment your patient care. One of these areas of support is through SME Clinic's provision of therapeutic diabetic footwear and custom molded diabetic insoles.

While many DME providers are discontinuing diabetic services due to documentation and reimbursement issues; SME Clinic welcomes each diabetic patient referral because this is our specialty! Whether it is off-the-shelf Depth Inlay Footwear, Custom Molded Shoes, or specialized Ankle-Foot Orthoses, we present the clinical expertise to provide what is requested by the referring physician.

In addition to being a contracted provider with NC Medicaid, Medicare, and NC Workman's Compensation; SME Clinic is also privileged to have contractual DME agreements with over one hundred private insurance companies including Aetna, BCBS, Cigna, UHC and Tricare. Many of these private carriers mirror NC Medicaid and Medicare's annual provision of therapeutic diabetic footwear and custom molded diabetic insoles. Exact coverage amounts will vary based on individual patient policies.

If you and your practice are in need of such a clinical service, SME Clinic embraces the opportunity and privilege of being "another other pair of hands" in the care and treatment of your diabetic patients.

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