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ORTHOPAEDIST OR PODIATRIST?

An orthopedic surgeon is a medical doctor who is an M.D. (Doctor of Medicine) or a D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine). They are trained to treat the entire musculoskeletal system, not just one extremity. All Florida Orthopaedic Institute foot and ankle physicians are fellowship trained in this specialty.



YEARS OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL



YEARS AT AN ACCREDITED MEDICAL SCHOOL



YEARS OF
GENERALIZED
ORTHOPEDIC
SURGICAL
RESIDENCY
TRAINING

A podiatrist is a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) with specialized training to treat disorders of the foot and ankle. Typically, they have following formal education:

YEARS OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL

YEARS AT AN
ACCREDITED
PODIATRIC
MEDICAL SCHOOL

TO 4 YEARS OF FOOT AND ANKLE SURGICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING





ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING
DEDICATED TO THE TREATMENT OF
FOOT AND ANKLE DISORDERS

FOOT & ANKLE SURGERY AT FLORIDA ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE, BY THE NUMBERS



1,164 foot and ankle procedures done in 2017 alone

All surgeons are fellowship trained, which requires an additional year of study in their orthopedic subspecialty

Thousands of ankle fusions, triple arthrodeses and subtalar fusions

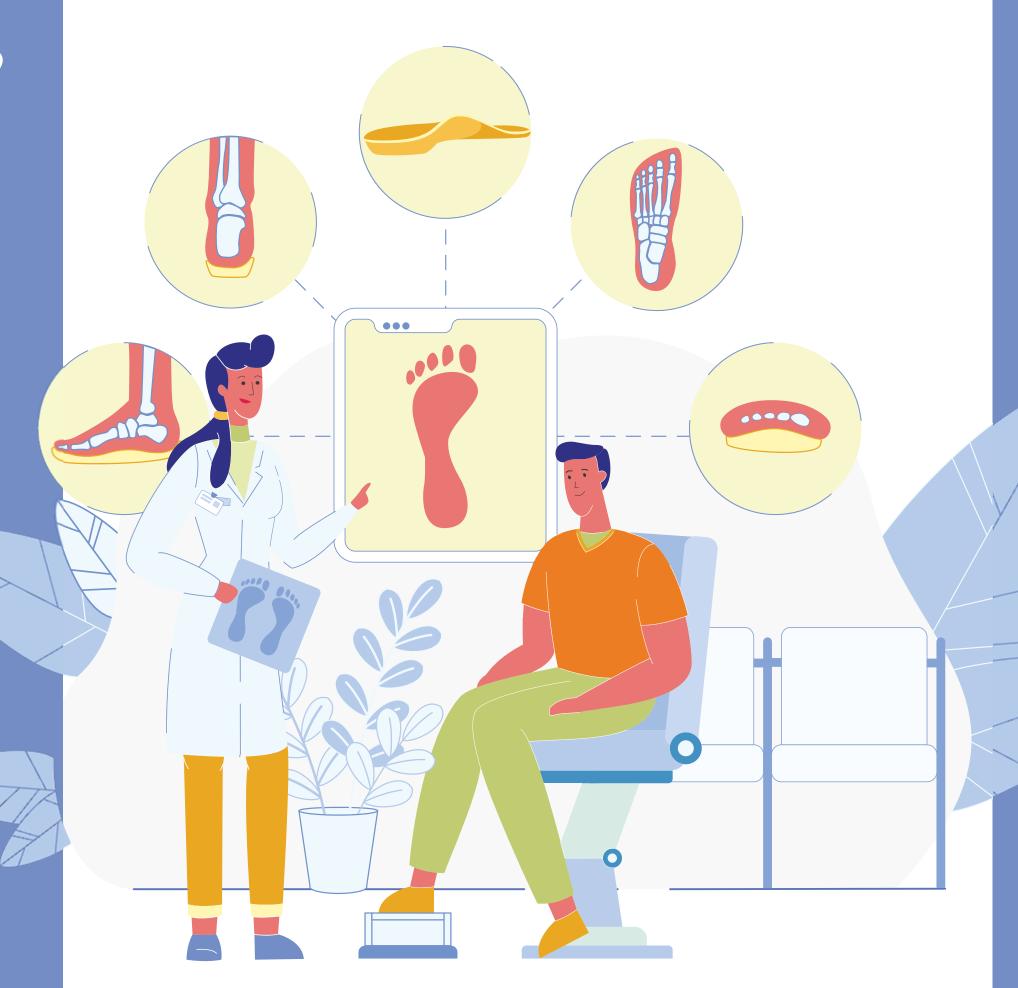
all across
the nation
are referred
because of
the combined
expertise and
reputation

Patients from

Since 1989 over 30 years of experience

SURGERY? OR NOT?

Like many podiatrists, foot and ankle physicians at Florida Orthopaedic Institute have a philosophy to first try all appropriate nonsurgical methods to increase mobility and function. This may include medication, shoe modifications, bracing, injections, and physical therapy. Florida **Orthopaedic** Institute provides all these services If efforts are unsuccessful, then, and only then, do they suggest surgery.



When surgery is indicated, the operative experience of the surgeon is critical. With the largest combined experience in Florida, the Florida Orthopaedic Institute team has performed tens of thousands of these procedures including flat foot corrections, ankle and subtalar fusions, midfoot osteotomies, bunion surgery, soft tissue reconstructions, as well as fracture reconstruction. While each doctor is different, orthopedic surgeons have a better general medical background and more surgical expertise. Some podiatrists do not do surgery or are not trained in the latest surgical techniques, while others are well trained to perform complicated reconstructive surgeries.



WHO TO PICK?

Consider picking a foot and ankle specialist according to their skills and expertise. In 2017, Florida Orthopaedic Institute surgeons performed over 1,000 foot and ankle procedures.

With over 30 years of experience, performing thousands of ankle fusions, triple arthrodeses, subtalar

fusions and over 300 total ankle replacements, Florida Orthopaedic Institute surgeons are leaders in the field. Since 1989, Florida Orthopaedic Institute surgeons have helped thousands of patients get back on their feet with Tampa Bay's most advanced orthopedic foot and ankle treatment center. Knowledgeable and experienced physicians,

therapists and nurses work in concert to cover the total spectrum of foot and ankle musculoskeletal care. Whether tendon, ligament, bone injuries, arthritis, or acute/chronic conditions, all surgeons are fellowship trained and have extensive knowledge in the management of all conditions affecting the foot, ankle and lower leg.

REVISIONS & REFERRALS

Because of the combined expertise of our foot and ankle surgeons, as well as their national reputation, patients are referred not only locally, but from all over the country. Many of the referrals are patients with significant post-surgical complications including infections, failed joint replacements, poorly positioned fusions, and non-healed fractures.

These patients are sent to Florida Orthopaedic Institute for definitive solutions to their problems, and in most cases Florida Orthopaedic Institute surgeons are able to improve their lives. This ability to solve complex problems and help patients is the driving force behind maintaining the high quality of care offered, and why Florida Orthopaedic Institute is a regional and national referral center.



SPECIALTIES INCLUDE THE TREATMENT OF:

- Achilles Tendon Injuries
- Chronic Ankle Ligament Injuries
- Adult Acquired Flatfoot
- Bunion Surgery
- Hammer Toe
- Morton's Neuroma
- Stem Cell Injections
- Arthritis of the Foot and Ankle
- Fractures of the Foot and Ankle

TOTAL ANKLE REPLACEMENT Since 1995, FOI foot and ankle surgeons (all trained on total ankle replacements) have performed hundreds of replacements. With over 30 years of experience, FOI remains as a leader in the field.

ANKLE FUSION

For those patients that are not candidates for an ankle replacement, ankle fusions remain the gold standard. Patients can walk without a limp using modern techniques to remove minimal amounts of bone and position the ankle so the joint below moves well.



Keeping you active.

