DIABETIC FOOT: A MODERN OFFLOADING ALGORITHM

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There is a long clinical tradition in the use of footwear and offloading techniques for the prevention and healing of plantar foot ulcers in the diabetic patient. Unfortunately, ulcers in the plantar aspect of the foot represent just a part of the entire wounds that we are use to see in our clinical daily practice. It is important for these reasons to use a sort of offloading algorithm in order to offer the best offloading methods according to the site lesion. This algorithm could allow the health care providers to talk the same language everywhere and to offer the same treatment worldwide.

Biography

Giacomo Clerici has graduated in Medicine and Surgery of the University of Pavia and specialized in Internal Medicine, trained in diabetic foot care and diabetic foot surgery. He was Former member of the Italian Diabetes Associations, SID and AMD and The European Diabetic Foot Study Group (DFSG) of EASD. He is current Member of the Association of Diabetic Foot Surgeons; Author of several papers listed in PubMed and chapters in books dedicated to the Diabetic Foot Syndrome; Speaker at many international conferences and courses, worldwide (US, Mexico, India, China, Brasil, Saudi Arabia, Israel, etc.). He organized several international wound care/DF meetings including WOUNDS at VEITH symposium in the US (www.veitsymposium.org), the Multidisciplinary International Limb and Amputation prevention conference (MILAN) in Europe and the Winter/Summer school of diabetic foot surgery in Milan and Bergamo. He was a Co-programme Director of iLegx (www.ilegx.com). Currently, he is the Chief of the Amputation Prevention Centre Humanitas Gavazzani Hospital in Bergamo and Humanitas Pio X Hospital in Milan, Italy.

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