

## What is a Podiatric Surgeon?

Podiatric surgeons are the surgical specialists of the podiatric profession. They provide complete medical and surgical care for a variety of conditions that affect people of every age.

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### Education

- Completed four years of podiatric medical school. The curriculum covers basic and clinical sciences, surgery, internal medicine, pediatrics, and other medical specialties with an emphasis on the foot, ankle and lower extremity.
- Completed two to three years of accredited post-graduate podiatric medical and surgical training.
- Satisfactory completion of the national medical licensing examination
- Continuing medical education credits over a specific time period.
- Board certification: Certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.
- Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons.

