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Diabetic Foot: Emerging Prevention Strategies and Epidemiology

Message from the Guest Editor

Diabetic foot disease is one of the most serious complications of diabetes mellitus. Evidence-based guidelines on diabetic foot management, prepared by the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot (IWGDF), describe the strategies that can be utilized for screening, prevention, patient and staff education, and interdisciplinary treatment. This would enable us to significantly reduce the burden of diabetic foot disease on individuals and the public. Nevertheless, the implementation of guidelines and the set-up of multidisciplinary clinics for the holistic management of diabetic foot disorders varies and remains sub-optimal, particularly in countries without formal podiatry education programmes. Numerous initiatives (Diabetic Foot Care Assistant Programme, Step by Step and Train the Foot Trainer) have sought to address this deficit, but there remains a severe lack of good-quality data regarding the extent of the problem, which complicates resource planning. In this Special Issue, we welcome authors to submit papers on the management of diabetic foot disease in terms of both prevention strategies and epidemiology.

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