

President, Japanese Society of Foot Care and Podiatry
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PODIATRY Project

- 1) **P**odiatric Medicine: Establish a Japanese version of podiatric medicine under the leadership of the academic society.
- 2) **O**rthotist and **O**rthopedic shoes: Train orthotists and orthopedic shoe specialists who specialize in lower limb/foot deformities and foot ulcers.
- 3) **D**iabetic Foot and **D**ialysis Foot: Strengthen public awareness on “diabetic foot” (diabetic foot disorders) and “dialysis foot” (lower limb disorders seen in dialysis patients).
- 4) **I**nsurance coverage: Aim to obtain reimbursement for foot care, including lower extremity wound care, orthoses, and wound rehabilitation.
- 5) **A**mbulation without Amputation: Protect gait and eliminate leg amputations.
- 6) **T**ranslational Research: Promote basic research that bridges to clinical practice.
- 7) **R**ehabilitation for Gait and Life: Prevent wounds, promote wound healing, and promote rehabilitation for maintaining human life.
- 8) **Y**ield Foot Care and Footwear Awareness among Asian Population: Promote a wide range of foot care and footwear awareness among the Asian population.

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