



## Choosing the Appropriate Foot Specialist for Your Patients' Needs

	<b>Members of the College of Chiropodists of Ontario (Chiropodists/Podiatrists*)</b>	<b>Pedorthists</b>
<b>Provincially Regulated Health Profession</b>	<b>✓Yes</b> - under the Regulated Health Professions Act <sup>1</sup> and The Chiropody Act <sup>2</sup>	<b>✗No.</b> Health care is provincially regulated. The College of Pedorthics of Canada is <i>not a legally mandated regulatory body</i> , but a national organization run <i>by pedorthists, for pedorthists</i> .
<b>Treat and prevent diseases, disorders and dysfunctions of the foot by therapeutic, orthotic and palliative means (from the 'Scope of Practice' statement in The Chiropody Act, 1991)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>✓Yes.</b> Provide medical treatment for a broad variety of routine foot conditions via therapeutic means (including surgery), foot and ankle/foot orthotics, physical therapy and palliative treatments as well as care of high risk patients including but not limited to those with PVD, diabetes and requiring wound care	<b>✗No.</b> Trained in the assessment of lower limb anatomy and biomechanics. <sup>3</sup>
<b>Primary Care Practitioners</b>	<b>✓Yes.</b> No referral is required to see a member of the College of Chiropodists of Ontario.	<b>✗No.</b> Assist customers based on a referral from a prescribing regulated healthcare professional. <sup>3</sup>
<b>Trained and licensed to diagnose, prescribe and dispense orthotics</b>	<b>✓Yes.</b> Patient-centred care is enhanced. There is a thorough understanding of the patient's needs and follow-up to ensure improved outcomes are connected to the initial complaints.	<b>✗No.</b> Have education and training in the design, manufacture, fit and modification of foot orthotics and footwear but rely on a referral from an appropriately trained regulated health care professional. <sup>3</sup>
<b>Diagnosing a disease or disorder of the foot as the cause of a person's symptoms</b>	<b>✓Yes</b>	<b>✗No</b>
<b>Cutting into subcutaneous tissues of the foot</b>	<b>✓Yes</b>	<b>✗No</b>
<b>Prescribe Medications</b>	<b>✓Yes</b>	<b>✗No</b>
<b>Inject substances into feet</b>	<b>✓Yes</b>	<b>✗No</b>
<b>Legally require to maintain liability insurance (minimum \$2 million) due to Controlled Acts in scope</b>	<b>✓Yes</b>	<b>✗No</b>

\* Foreign trained Podiatrists registered in Ontario after July 31, 1993

1. Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, S.O., 1991, Ch. 18: An Act Respecting the Regulation of Health Professions and Other Matters Concerning Health Professions.

2. Chiropody Act, 1991, S.O., 1991, Ch. 20: An Act respecting the regulation of the Profession of Chiropody

3. The College of Pedorthics of Canada: [www.cpedcs.ca](http://www.cpedcs.ca) (Note: this organization is NOT a Government of Ontario Health Profession Regulatory College)