



## **Action Steps for People Living with Diabetes**

- 1. Inspect your feet daily
  - Check your feet and toes every day for cuts, bruises or sores.
  - Check for changes to the toenails (i.e. thickening and discolouration).
- 2. Exercise
  - Walking can keep weight down and improve circulation.
  - Helps to maintain ideal blood sugar levels.
- 3. Have new shoes properly measured & fitted
  - Foot size and shape may change over time.
- 4. Do not go barefoot
  - Do not go without shoes, even in your own home
  - Inspect shoes prior to putting them on for foreign objects, animal hair, pebbles etc.
- 5. Wear seamless soft socks
  - Avoid socks with seams that may rub and cause blisters or other skin injuries
  - White socks are best
- 6. Never remove corns, calluses or warts by yourself
  - Over the counter products can burn the skin and cause irreversible damage to the foot for people with diabetes
- 7. Moisturize your feet apply cream to the top and bottom of the feet, but **not** between the toes.
  - Do not soak your feet
- 8. See your Chiropodist
  - Regular checkups with a Chiropodist
     at least annually are the best way to ensure that
    your feet remain healthy

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT AT RECEPTION TODAY** 

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