

Proposed Scope of Practice for a Podiatry Limited License

I have worked out the scope of practice guidelines you requested for the limited podiatry license. Limited Podiatry License would include the following:

1. Debridement and or removal of toenails.
2. Incision/drainage of abscess-superficial.
3. Incision/removal foreign bodies-superficial.
4. Paring of callosities hard or soft.
5. Treatment of Verruca by any means.
6. Wound care excluding bone, tendons and connective tissue.
7. Non-complicated fracture treatment. Fractures that can be treated with casting in the office. No fixation involved.
8. Excision of identified or unidentifiable superficial skin lesions.
9. Injection(s) of local anesthesia and steroids for the treatment of inflammatory soft tissue diseases.
10. Injection of sclerosing agents for soft tissue diseases.

I believe these ten areas will cover 95% of the office based problems a busy surgical podiatrist would need help with in the office. I also believe they are restrictive enough to deter podiatrists who intend to slip into Nevada to only perform foot surgery or worse.

Sincerely,
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