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Dear General Practitioner

Re: Changes to Podiatry services at Flinders Medical Centre

The Podiatry Department at Flinders Medical Centre is a specialist unit focusing on the care of patients at risk of losing a limb. These patients require ongoing assessment and treatment to maintain independence and mobility, and to prevent hospital admission and ultimately avoid amputation.

The department is experiencing unprecedented demand for this specialised service. To enable staff to meet this demand it has been necessary to review and prioritise our services.

One service that is available in the community and that does not require specialist support is the treatment of general biomechanical problems in children. So that the needs of these children can best be met, we ask that children with non-acute biomechanical problems are referred to other suitable services in the community including:

- Noarlunga Health Services Podiatry Department, Alexander Kelly Drive currently provide paediatric assessments and appropriate treatment within outlined catchment area (south from Black's Road).
Contact on Ph (08) 8384 9233, Fax (08) 8384 9711
- The University of South Australia: undergraduate Podiatry students provide assessments and services under supervision of qualified Podiatrists. Please contact on Ph (08) 8302 2269
- Private Podiatrists. Contact The Podiatry Association on for a list of local service providers on Ph (08) 8363 4144

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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