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BSc Podiatry

Discipline of Podiatry

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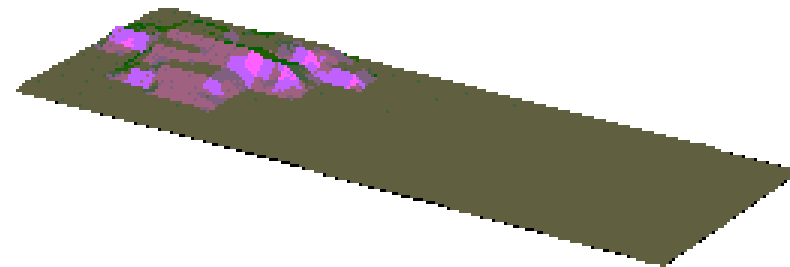
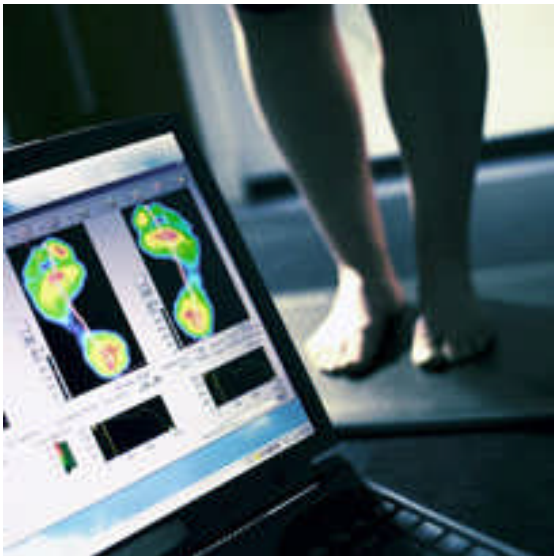


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Podiatry what is it?

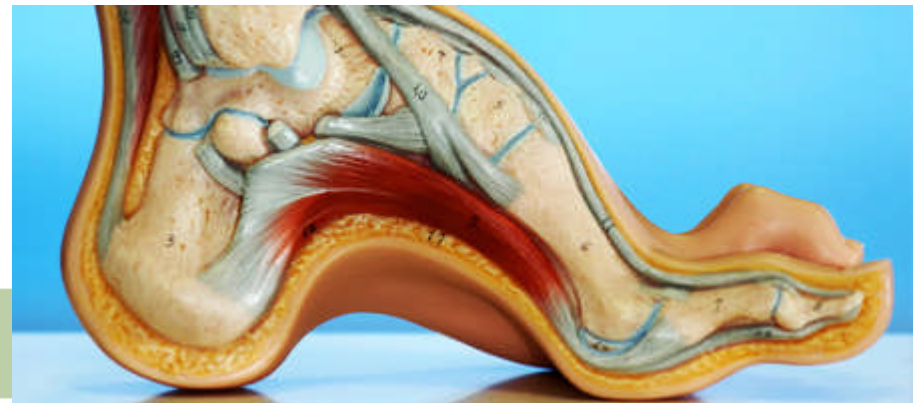
A health profession utilising scientific principles to assess, diagnose and manage pathologies in the lower limb.



Podiatry

.....what can it offer you.....?

- A rewarding and challenging job.
- An opportunity to specialise in the foot and lower limb.
- A chance to work as part of a health care team offering your specialist knowledge.
- The ability to assess, diagnose and manage conditions autonomously and help improve people's quality of life.
- A practical, hands on career with scope for further professional development.



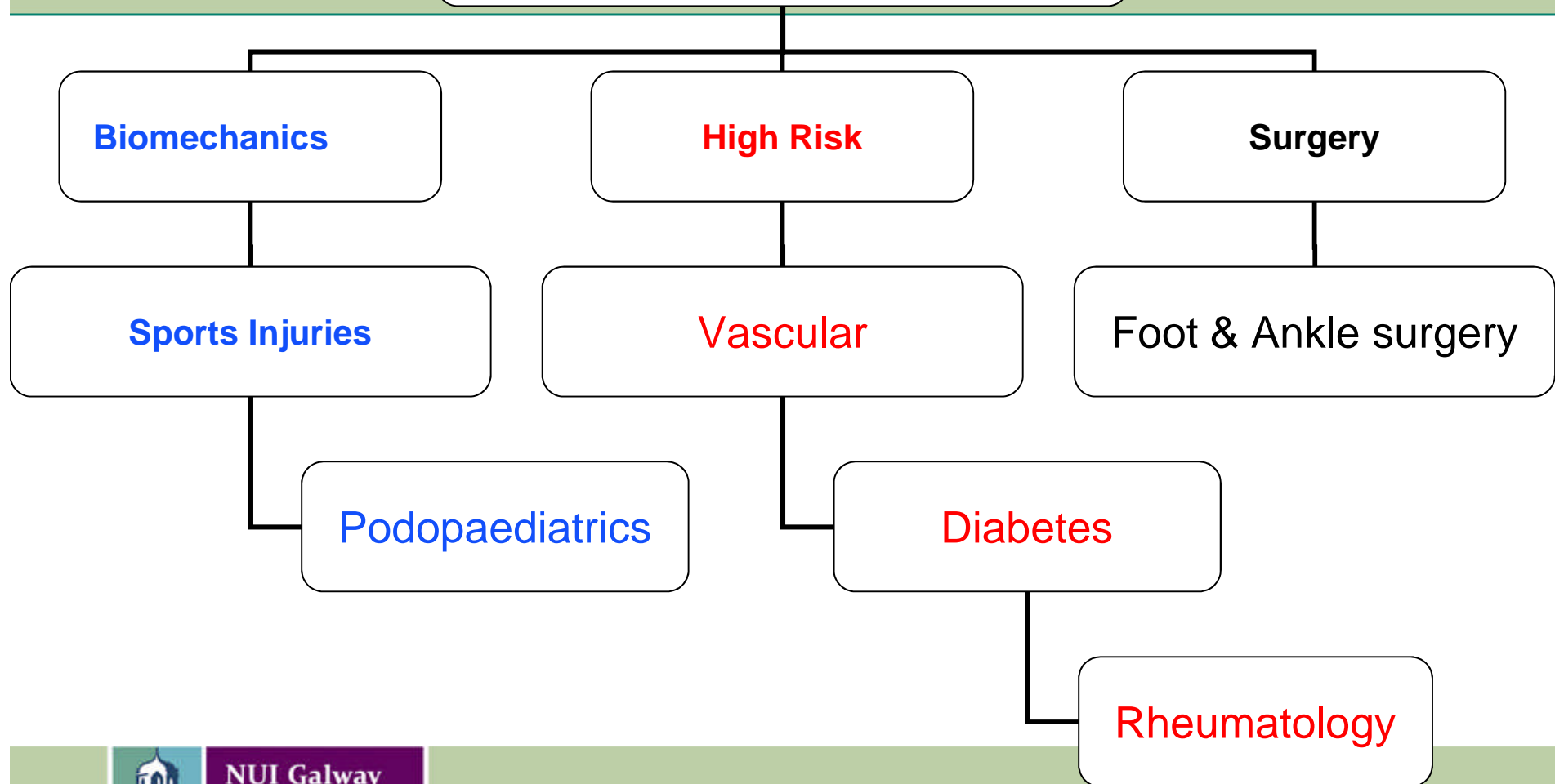
Scope of Practice

- Working as a podiatrist can be **exciting** and **rewarding**
- It involves working in a variety of environments with a number of other health professionals
- The scope of practice of a podiatrist is often much wider than people realise



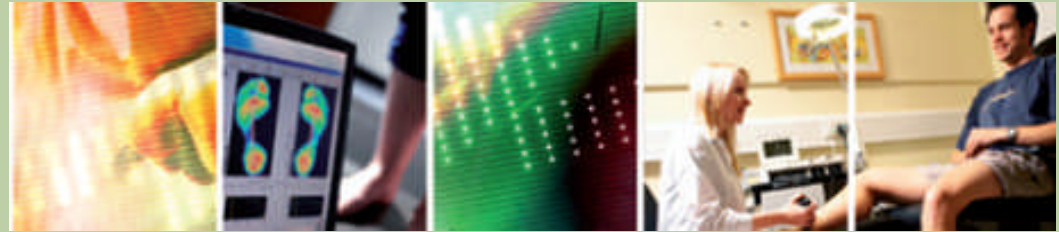
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Areas of Specialisation



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Year One Modules



- Podiatry Theory 1
- Introduction to Clinical Studies
- Professional Development
- Human Body Function
- Human Anatomy
- Redefining Health & Wellbeing



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Year Two Modules



- Clinical studies 2
- Podiatry Theory 2
- Pathophysiology
- Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics
- Research Methods 1
- Introduction to Pharmacology



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Year Three Modules

- Clinical Studies 3
- Medicine
- Pharmacology in Health and Disease
- Podiatry Theory 3
- Aspects of Health Promotion
- Research Methods 2



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Year Four Modules



- Clinical Studies 4
- Podiatry Theory 4
- Research Project
- Elective Modules
 - Sports Injuries
 - Diabetes
 - Footwear and Orthoses
 - Private Practice



PODIATRY...Clinical Placements

- The majority of placements will take place in a dedicated clinical facility at Merlin Park Hospital
- Local Placements
- National Placements
- Multidisciplinary Placements



PODIATRY...Job Opportunities

- Employment rates are good
- In the UK typically 96% of graduates are employed within 3 months of graduation
- Private Practice
- HSE/ NHS
- Footwear companies
- Sports clubs
- Research
- Education



How do I become a podiatrist?

www.nuigalway.ie/podiatry



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