

Job Title: Chiropodist / Podiatrist

Location: NAA Diagnostic Care Centre - Dummar, Damascus

Salary: Competitive

Job Type: Permanent

Job Duration: Part time contract

Responsible to: Clinic Manager

Responsible for: establishing and delivering an effective chiropody service for NAA patients

Job Profile

Chiropodists (often called podiatrists) assess, diagnose and treat abnormalities and diseases of the lower limb. They give professional advice on the prevention of foot problems and on proper care of the foot. Patients will be of all ages from infants to the elderly and may include patients at high risk of amputation from arthritis or diabetes.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Assess and treat footcare ailments, ranging from problems such as verrucas to deformity
- Analyse an individual's walk or run and correct the anatomical relationship between the different segments of the foot. Orthotics-custom made soles-are often prescribed to achieve this
- Monitor and manage foot problems and deformities caused by diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis
- Advise and treat patients at high risk of foot problems and amputation such as people who suffer from diabetes
- Nail surgery using local anaesthetics

Personal Specifications

Knowledge and Qualification

- ✓ Diploma or BSc qualification from a School of Podiatry

Experience

- ✓ At least two years post-graduate experience working or training as a Chiropodist

Skills/Abilities

- ✓ Excellent communication skills; the ability to establish a rapport with patients and their families;
- ✓ Excellent command of Arabic and English (written, orally)
- ✓ Ability to work in a team - regularly liaising with other professionals, such as doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, teachers and carers;
- ✓ Initiative, patience, sensitivity and tact;
- ✓ Ability to be firm, encouraging and empathetic;
- ✓ Appreciation of psychological, cultural and social factors which influence their clients;