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The role of primary care in the prevention of diabetic foot amputations

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ABSTRACT: Diabetes mellitus has been described as an epidemic of the modern world. One of its major complications is the formation of ulcers on the diabetic foot that may lead to low amputation or death. The global community is sensitive on the diabetic foot and the prevention of ulcers through the implementation of health education programs on the population and through training programs for the health professionals. It is estimated that 85% of low amputations of the diabetic foot could be prevented with the growth of the development health education programs.

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