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Growing Demand for Wound Care

- Estimates show a 15-20% shortage of providers and nurses with wound care specialization
- Elderly population (65+) have chronic conditions like diabetes (currently 22-44% have diabetes and is projected to increase by 4.5-5 fold between 2005 and 2050) and vascular diseases, leading to more wounds.
- 65+ population has increased by 53% in the last 10 years (4.3% annually) and faces higher risk of pressure injuries and falls, leading to wounds.
 - Preference for recovery in familiar surroundings drives demand for providers in home healthcare.

If left as is- there would be a 25% shortage of providers for wound care next year. Let already trained doctors help!

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58-5a-103. Scope of practice.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, an individual licensed as a podiatric physician under this chapter may perform:

(a) a surgical procedure on a bone of the foot or ankle[.]; and

(b) biological, enzymatic, autolytic, and mechanical wound debridement on the limbs and torso, if:

(i) the podiatric physician is certified by the American Board of Wound Management as a Certified Wound Specialist Physician;