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To all of my patients,

Did you know that 85% of diabetes related amputations are preceded by a non-healing foot ulcer?

The American Diabetes Association's "2010 Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes" statement on diabetic foot care for the treatment of feet of patients with diabetes "requires" an annual comprehensive diabetic foot examination to assess all lower extremity risk factors. To provide you with the best possible diabetic foot care, I am instituting these recommendations into my practice effective immediately. Medicare has also joined in on requiring this exam to be performed at least yearly depending on certain issues you may have with respect to your feet.

I am advising all of my patients with diabetes to schedule a Comprehensive Diabetic Foot Exam (CDFE) appointment so that we can perform the necessary non-invasive testing and exam to meet this requirement. (This examination should only take about 15 minutes) This exam will not include the treatment of your corns, calluses, or nails, as per the Medicare and ADA guidelines.

Please remember to bring in a list of all medications that you are currently taking and any shoes and insoles that have been provided through the Medicare Therapeutic Shoe Program. If you are not part of this program, please bring in shoes that you would typically wear.

You should of course continue to be carefully monitored by your primary care physician as your condition warrants. We will coordinate your foot care with your primary care physician to help prevent serious complications.

Thank you...

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