

Healthcare Science Career of the Week



Podiatrist

Area of HCS: Allied health professions

Pay scale: £24k - £100k

AMAZING FACT 1 You have 26 bones in each foot and ankle!
That's 52 in both feet, that's over a quarter of all the bones in your body!

A podiatrist works with patients that have foot and leg problems. The range of patients you will see can vary. You'll see healthy active people who run and dance and need help with foot and ankle injuries. Other patients might have circulation problems and they are at risk of a lower-limb amputation. This is common in diabetics who don't look after themselves.



There are plenty of options in where to take your career once qualified. You can work within the NHS at a hospital in clinics, you can work in the community visiting patients in their homes or you could set up your own business taking care of people's feet and specialise in an area like sports injury

AMAZING FACT 2

Various muscles and tendons support the bones in 3 arches to distribute weight over the foot (pedal platform), acting as shock absorbers and springboards. They add to the foot's ability to adapt to changes in surface contour, alongside adding to resilience and weight bearing capacity of the foot.

What to do to get into this career...

