

# **NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

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*When applying for licensure or practicing podiatry in North Dakota, it is important to know and understand the scope of practice.*

## ***Scope of Practice in North Dakota is:***

- a. The medical and surgical treatment and diagnosis of ailments of the human foot, ankle, and other related soft tissue structures below the tibial tuberosity that govern the functions of the foot and ankle, not including extra articular osseous injuries above the distal metaphyseal scar. Podiatrists may treat and diagnose conditions of the foot and ankle by any medically accepted system or method necessary;
- b. The amputation of the toes, parts of the foot, or foot in its entirety, indicated as medically necessary;
- c. The use of such preparations, medicines, and drugs as may be necessary for the treatment of such ailments;
- d. The performance of history and physical examinations upon admitting patients to facilities where they are recognized with requisite credentials and privileges;
- e. That podiatrists may function as assistant surgeons in nonpodiatric procedures; and
- f. That podiatric medical residents working under a temporary permit may fully participate in rotations and assist and perform treatments and diagnosis beyond the foot and ankle, under appropriate supervision within an approved residency program as part of their medical surgical training.