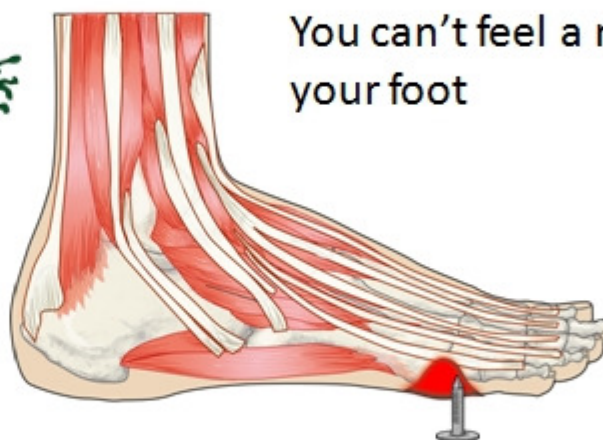


1 Damaged nerves can mean no pain or feeling



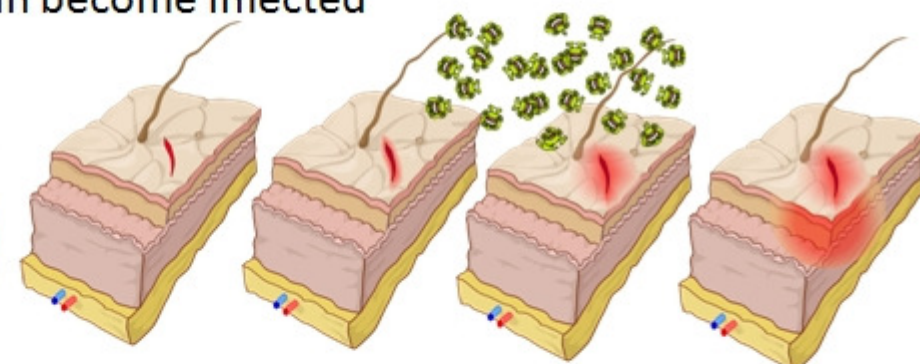
Damaged nerve



You can't feel a nail in your foot



2 Cuts and sores can become infected



Your skin is cut

Germs get into the cut

The cut becomes sore and is infected

3 What to look for:



Cuts & scratches



Callus



Corns



cracked skin

4 What to look for:



Blisters



Insect bites



burns



red areas & rashes

5 How to look:

On top of each foot

On the side of each foot

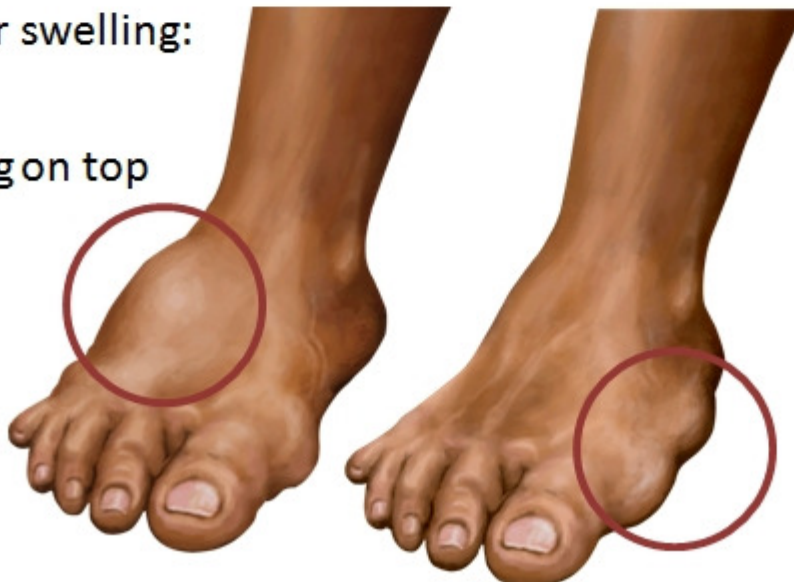


Between the toes on each foot

Underneath each foot

6 Look for swelling:

Swelling on top



Swelling on side & underneath

7 Swelling: tells you you may have hurt your foot



Swelling



Damaged bones

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Purpose of resource:

To describe how to check your feet everyday. The story is relevant for people with different kinds of diabetes.

Key health competencies:

After using the resource a client should be able to show or tell you about:

- How damaged nerves can mean there is no pain or feeling in their feet.
- How cuts and scratches can become infected.
- How they need to look for :
 - .cuts & scratches
 - calluses
 - corns
 - blisters
 - insect bites
 - red areas & rashes
 - burns
 - cracked skin
- How to look at and check their feet .
- Where they can get swelling
- Swelling may mean they have damaged their bones.

Target group:

This resource is designed to be used with an individual client or with a group.

It can be used by Australians of all ages who need to know about foot care when they have diabetes.

Related resources

- Everyday foot check– Posters
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- Everyday foot check– Picture yarn
- Everyday foot check– Test cards
- Foot care– Body parts

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