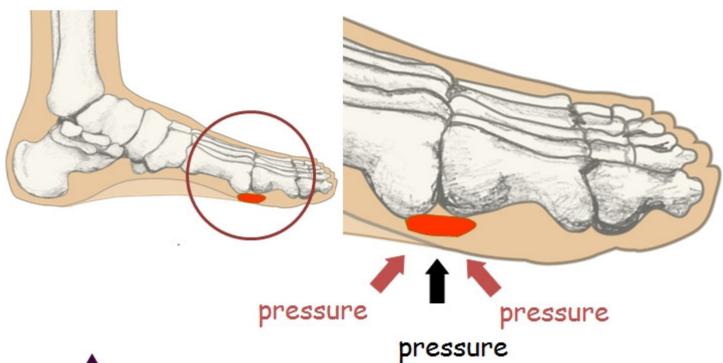
Pressure on your feet

Walking or standing puts pressure on your foot





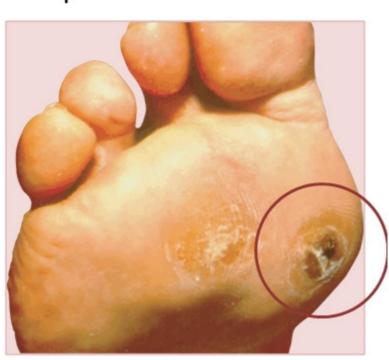






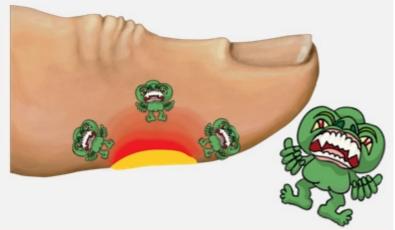
- When you walk or stand you can get:
 - Callus hard skin
 - Bruise under your callus
 - A small sore







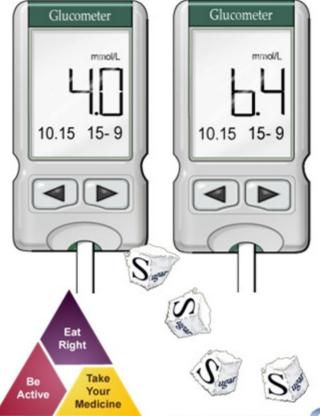
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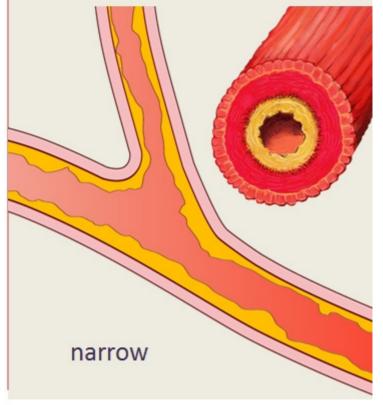


You aren't controlling your blood sugar properly



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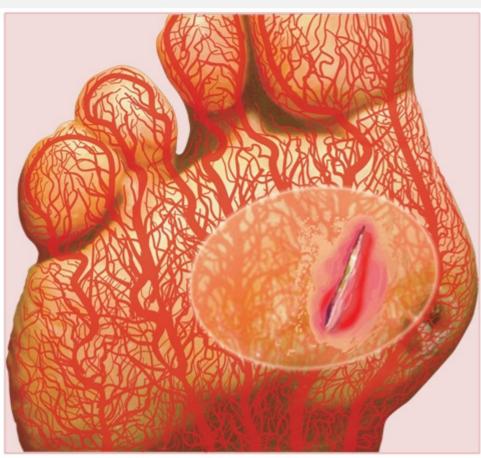
You have problems with your blood pipes



Why some sore don't get better

A sore won't heal quickly because your small blood pipes are damaged.





Before long you can have a very bad sore



Sores get very bad

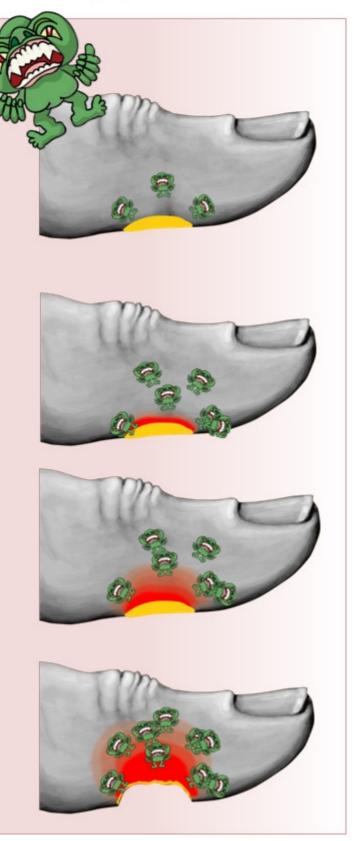
This is what happens when you damage your foot





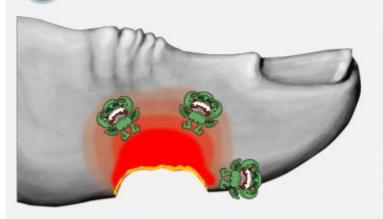
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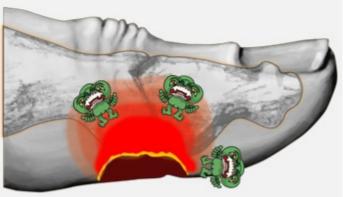




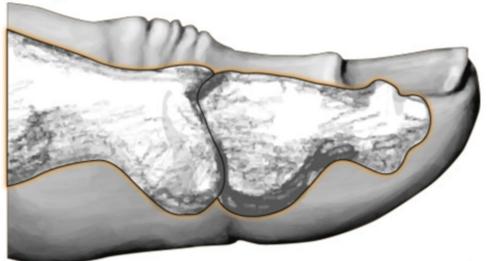
Bones can get damaged

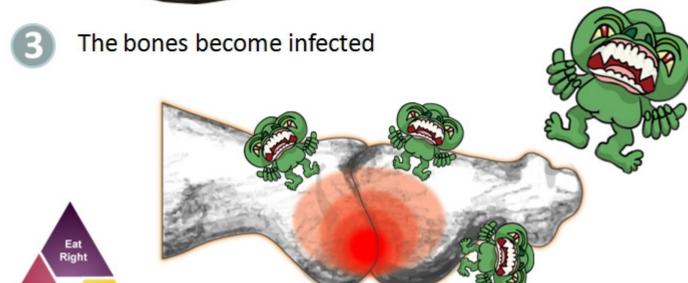
Germs can get right into your foot





Germs can get into the bones



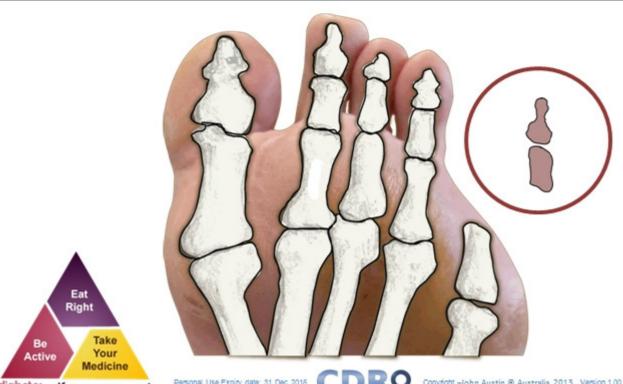


What can happen

The infected bones have had to be cut off



Look! - There is a toe missing



This doesn't need to happen to you



You must:

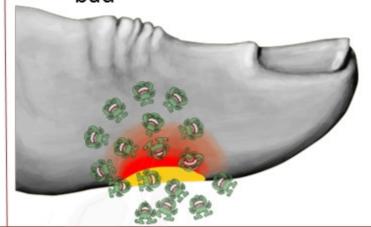
Look at your feet



If a sore doesn't heal after 2 days get someone to look at it.



Never let a sore get very bad



Keep you blood sugar under control

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Stop smoking



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You must use your own professional judgement when using this resource

Purpose of resource:

To describe how to prevent foot damage. 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 standing or walking puts pressure their feet.
- •Sores can be a big problem for people with diabetes.
- •Sore don't get better. The causes are usually:
 - nerve damage
 - not controlling their blood sugar.
 - problems with their blood pipes especially the very small pipes
- •The infection from the sore can infect their bones.
- •Infected bones may need to be cut off. (amputated)
- •Amputation does not need to happen if they:
 - · look after their feet
 - get help if a sore doesn't heal after 2 days,
 - never let a sore get really bad.
 - control their blood sugar.
 - stop smoking.

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

- Foot damage—Posters
- Foot damage- Yarn cards
- Foot damage- Picture yarn
- Foot damage—Test cards
- Foot care—Body parts

Notes:

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