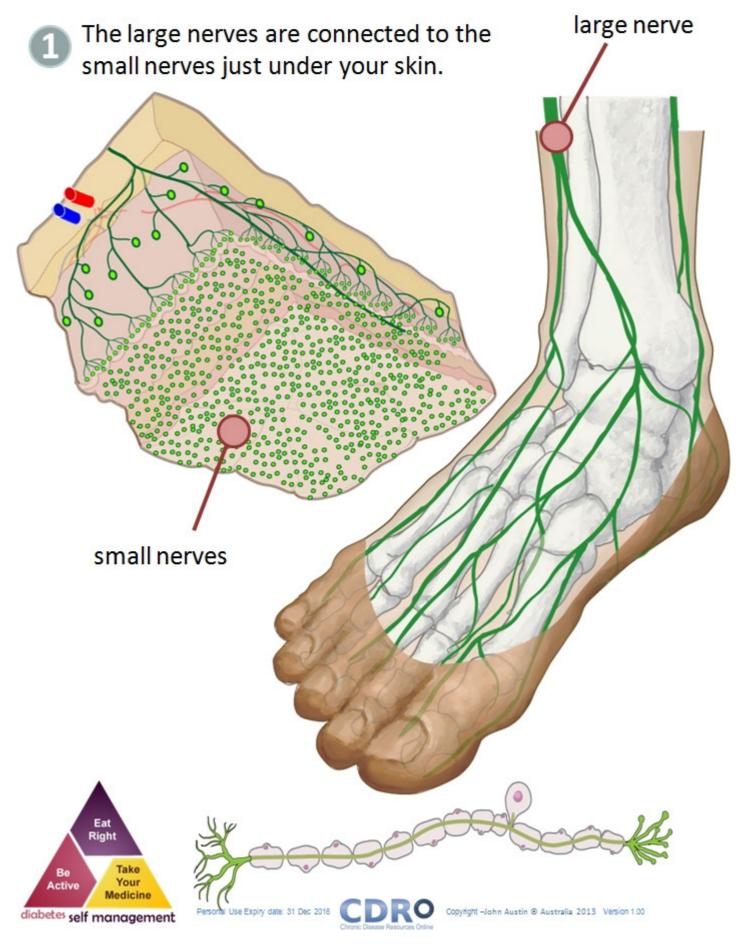
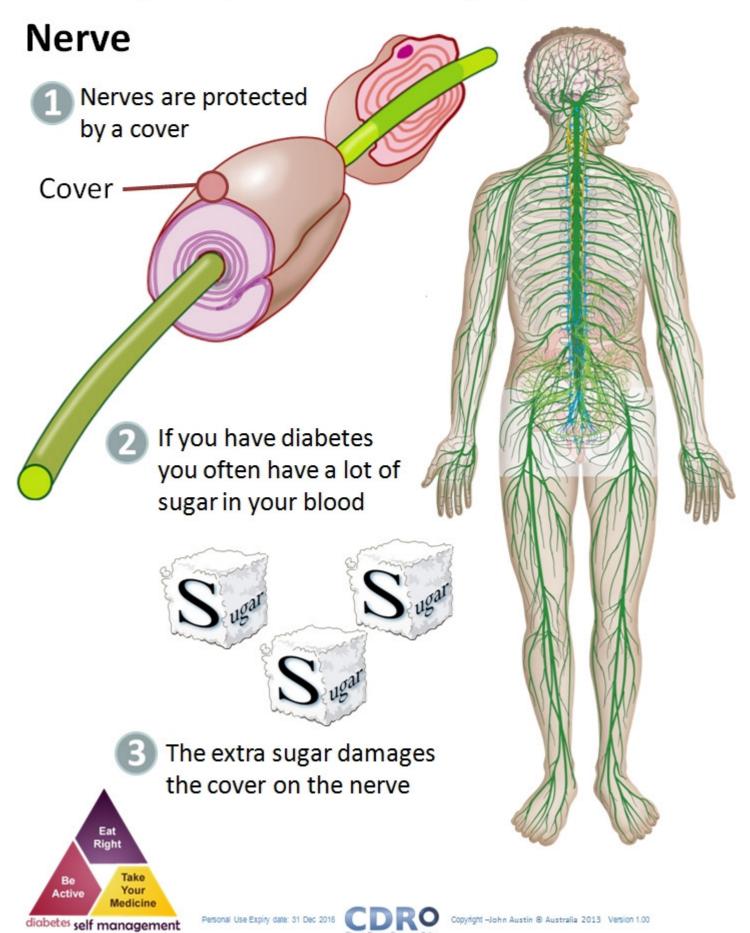


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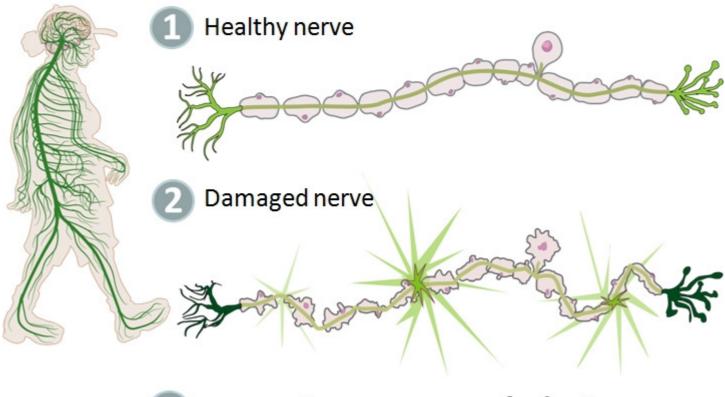
# Diabetes Foot Care Nerves

# Extra sugar in your blood damages your nerves



Diabetes Foot Care Nerves

# You don't feel pain

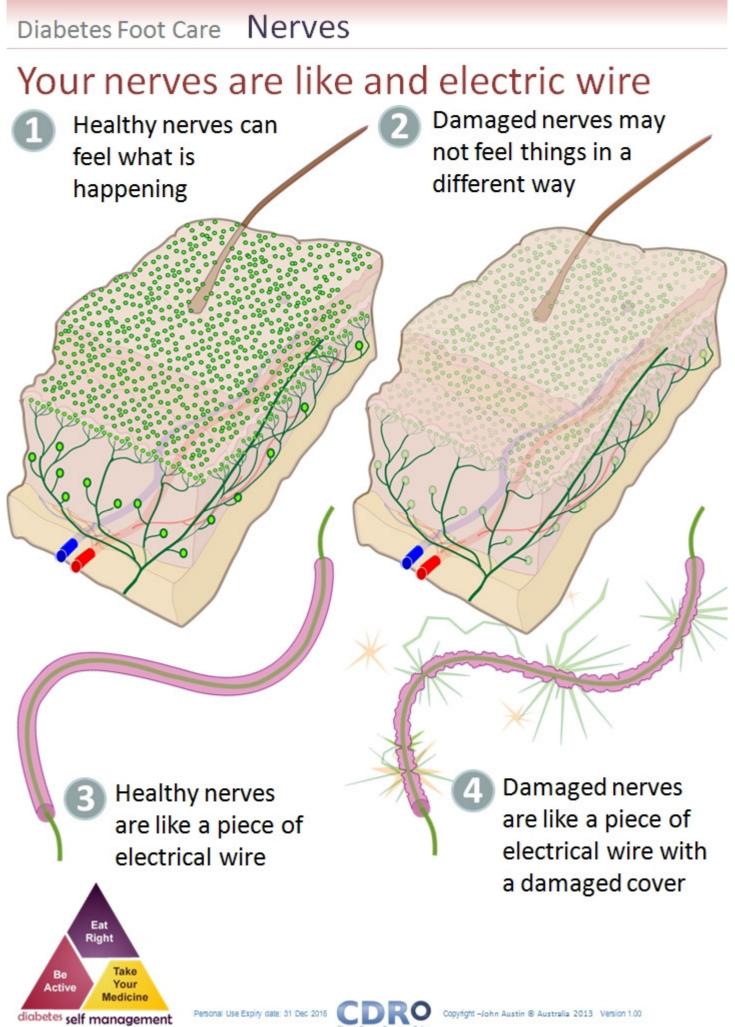


Damaged nerves may not feel pain.



You may not feel something sharp go into your foot







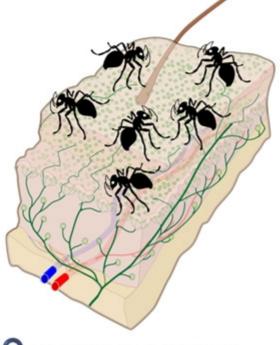
### Nerves **Diabetes Foot Care**

# Damaged nerves

Damaged nerves sometimes can feel like your foot is on fire

Damaged nerves can sometimes feel like your foot is being cut by lots or small knives or razor blades

Damaged nerves can sometimes feel like your foot has ants crawling over it



Medicine diabetes self management

Be

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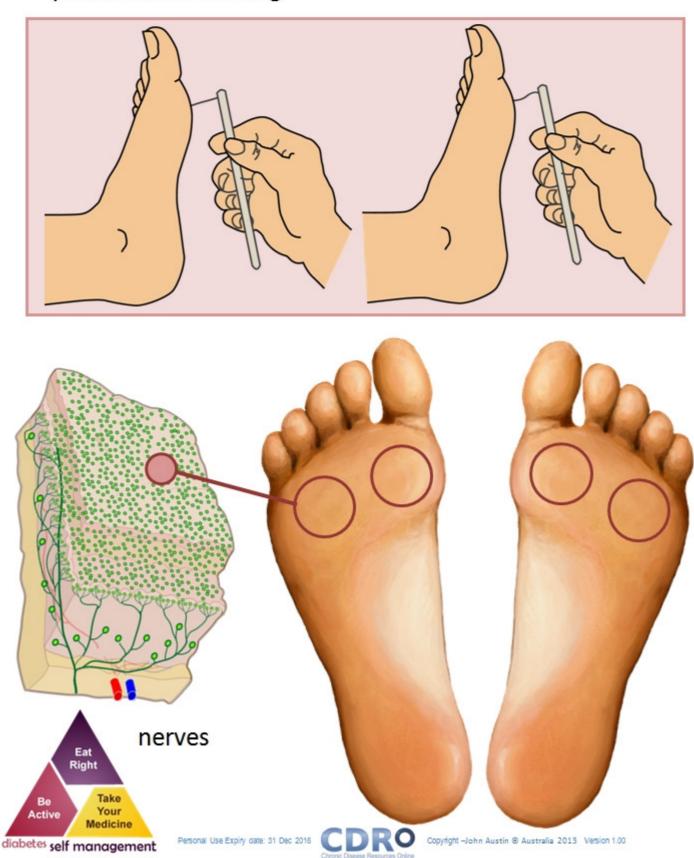
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# Nerve test

The podiatrist or nurse can check how well the nerves in your feet are working



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### Purpose of resource:

To describe nerve damage in your feet. 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:

- •Nerves take messages to the brain.
- There are lots of small nerves in the feet.
- •High sugar levels can damage the covering on nerves.
- •Damaged nerve means they can't feel pain and what is happening to their feet.
- •Nerves are like electric wires. If the insulation is damaged they don't work properly.
- •Damaged nerve sensations can be their feet are :
  - on fire
  - being cut by knives or razor blades
  - covered by ants are crawling over them
- •A small filament is used to test the nerves in the feet.

### 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.

### Notes:

This set of posters can be used to explain the cause and symptoms of nerve damage in their feet. Other resources like story cards can be used to help tell the story and evaluate whether the client is competent in the health competencies. The picture story handout can be given to the client.

The resource can be printed A3 size and then laminated, or as an A4 printed yarn sheet you can draw on.

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