15-25%

of people with diabetes at some point develop dangerous foot ulcers.

People with diabetes are

15–40 times

more likely to require lower leg amputation than the general population.

85%

of lower leg amputations among people with diabetes were preceded by foot ulcers. Learn more about Total Contact Casting today



- The results can be remarkable
- Healing is evident in as little as six weeks
- The casting process is simple and is minimally disruptive to patients' daily activities
- Casting therapy is available at no cost to eligible patients in Erie St. Clair who have diabetic foot ulcers

Learn more about this newly funded treatment. Talk to your primary care provider or call the Home and Community Care Support Services Erie St. Clair at 1-888-447-4468.

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## Diabetic foot ulcers?



Fast, effective healing is now available



# Total Contact Casting promotes rapid healing and greatly reduces the risk of amputation

### Why use Total Contact Casting?

When people have wounds on the bottoms

Cast liner

sock and felt

padding

of their feet, healing can be delayed by the day-to-day pressures caused by standing and walking. Total Contact Casting eliminates those pressures by evenly redistributing your weight across the entire foot area.

As a result, healing time is reduced to a matter of weeks, compared to many months and sometimes years using conventional dressings. Moreover, the risk of complications, including life-threatening infections and amputations, is greatly reduced.

Customized boot is lightweight and comfortable

#### Why healing is so important.

Foot ulcers are the most serious of all diabetes-related complications. Foot ulcers reportedly precede lower leg amputations in up to 85% of cases.

Foot ulcers are very common in patients with diabetes. This is caused, in part, by the absence of pain that results from diabetes-related nerve damage. Patients are often unaware of the problems until the resulting ulcers are severe and require special treatment.

Reducing pressure on the wound by "off-loading" weight has proven to be a highly effective treatment for diabetic foot ulcers.

Single-layer cast sock with hardening resin is applied in minutes

Boot removes pressure from the ulcer area, promoting rapid healing

### Total Contact Casting is now available at no cost to qualifying patients who have diabetic foot ulcers.

This "Gold Standard" of diabetic foot ulcer care is now **available at no cost to eligible patients** in the Erie St. Clair region. Ask your care provider for details or call us at 1-888-447-4468.

