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Foot care in Diabetes
Diabetic foot care 'appalling'

By James Gallagher
Health and science reporter, BBC News

Patients with diabetes are at increased risk of having a foot amputated because of an "appalling" lack of specialist services, according to Diabetes UK.

Diabetes can reduce the amount of blood reaching the feet, leading to a loss of sensation, gangrene and amputation.

The charity said 84 hospitals in England and Wales, out of the 206 surveyed, had no specialist diabetes foot-care teams.

The organisation NHS Diabetes said such services saved a lot of money.
Variation in amputation rate 'shocking'

By Branwen Jeffreys  
Health correspondent, BBC News

Variations in the amputation rates in diabetes patients in England have been described as shocking by a charity.

Department of Health data reveals the rate of major amputations in the South West, at three in 1,000, is almost twice the rate in the South East.

The Diabetes UK charity says the majority could be prevented.

The government says it is publishing the information, which also covers other conditions and has been dubbed an "atlas of care", to help improve care.

The amputation difference is one of the most striking revealed in a series of 34 "maps" of healthcare produced.

It also looks at key treatments for some of the most serious conditions.
Slow care leads to foot amputations

Thousands of diabetes patients end up having a foot amputation because of slow treatment, a charity warns.

Diabetes UK says that up to 80% of foot amputations could be avoided if better care was in place.

Patients are suffering because many areas do not have services in place to quickly deal with foot ulcers and infections.

By 2015, the number of diabetes-related amputations is expected to rise to 7,000 a year.

When diabetes, both Types 1 and Type 2, is present for many years, especially if it is poorly controlled, it can cause complications such as reducing blood flow to vessels in the feet and nerve damage which reduces sensation.

Toe and foot amputations are a consequence of diabetes.
Living with Diabetes
Existing with Diabetes