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62 MANAGEMENT OF DIABETIC FOOT ULCER BY PLASTIC SURGEONS IN KOREA

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Diabetic foot ulcer is a growing major health economic challenge. In Korea 12.4% of population over 30 years of age are reported to have diabetes and among them 24% are suffering from diabetic ulcer. The ultimate clinical goal of diabetic foot care is to salvage the ambulatory limb. A multidisciplinary team approach with plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, vascular surgery, rehabilitation medicine, wound care nurse, endocrinology and other specialty, to achieve the goal, has been established in Korea to lead towards improved patient care and increased rates of wound healing. And as a plastic surgeon, speaker will overview the common collaboration of specialties to manage the diabetic foot ulcer and introduce Korean National Health Insurance service and how it works in clinical fields. Also introduce Korean guideline for management of diabetic foot and commercialized popular materials and devices to promote wound care in Korea.