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The role of physical therapy interventions, exercise and insole on prevention of diabetic foot complication .

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Aims: The purpose of this Randomized Controlled Trial study was to investigate the impact of physical therapy interventions, exercise and insole on different aspects of health related quality of life (SF-36 scale) in subjects with type 2 diabetes. Methods: Among 124 patients with type 2 diabetes, 110 subjects have the inclusion criteria for this study. They were randomized to control group (n=56, age=55± 2/1, mass=71± 2/7) and physical therapy interventions group (n=54,age= 54±1/9, mass=71±3/2). All patients in the latter group were given training session and received 30 minute pain modalities (IF, IR and kneading massage) for lower extremity, Then stretching, strength and endurance exercises were trained to them during 3- 4 sessions and supervised exercises 3 times per week during 8 month. Also, the proper insole and shoe is given to latter group. Results: summary of results showed in Table, (S = Significant, NS = Non-significant).

	control group		experimental group	
variables	P value	changes	P value	changes
physical functioning	0.81	NS	0.02	S
bodily pain	0.25	NS	< 0.001	S
Physical component	0.89	NS	< 0.001	S
mental component	0.55	NS	0.33	NS
numbness	0.36	NS	< 0.001	S

Conclusion: Regular supervised exercise, physical therapy and proper shoe and insole is a effective intervention in diabetic patients, which significantly improves health related quality of life and influence their long-term prognosis.