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Our experiences with the lower limb amputation in the diabetic patients

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Objective: The aim of this analysis was to evaluate the characteristics and outcome in diabetic patients undergoing lower limb amputation in University Medical Centre Ljubljana between January 1st 1996 and December 31st 2002. **Patients and methods:** Among 638 patients with lower limb amputation we focused on 391 (61.3%) diabetic patients with lower limb amputation. In these patients there were 154 (39.4%) TMT amputations, 25 (6.4%) supramaleolar amputations, 97 (24.8%) below knee and 115 (29.4%) above knee amputations. Ischaemic vascular disease was underlying pathology in 95.9% and infection in 94.6% of patients. **Results and discussion:** Postoperative complications occurred in 23% of cases. The majority suffered from infections that required wound revision or re-amputation.