Impact of Foot Clinic Network Specialists to improve the outcome of Diabetic Foot treatment
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Foot problem has been recognised as a major complication of diabetes, which is associated with a very high mortality and morbidity. Therefore Multi-Disciplinary Foot Clinics (MDFC) have been established all over the world to provide holistic care to these patients. In the 2008 in the province of Gorizia, in the North East of Italy, was created a foot clinic. This multidisciplinary foot clinic was an integrated team with a diabetologist coordinator, dedicated to diagnosis and treatment of diabetic foot, dedicated nurses, and a network specialists included general surgeon and orthopaedic and interventional radiologist and vascular surgery. **Aim of the study:** Analyze the impact of a Network Foot Clinic in rate of major amputation and minor amputation, and in addition surgical re-intervention.

**Materials and Methods:** Multidisciplinary team disposed of service for outpatients 5 days for week, and inpatient service in general surgery. Associated to clinical activity, team performed courses with general practitioner targeted on diffusion of knowledge and tempestive report of infection with direct access in the clinic, education of territorial nurses for the territorial follow up of patients. **Results:** from 2008 to 2012 the Foot Clinic Network Specialist analyzed 2150 new foot wound in diabetic patients. The data from public health registry of major and minor amputation demonstrated a significant reduction in major and minor amputation (picture below). Percentage of surgical re-intervention decrease, it was 12% in 2009, 9% in 2010, 7% in 2011 and 2012. **Conclusion:** Foot Clinic Network Specialist is able to reduce major and minor amputation. This kind of foot clinic coordinated by a trained diabetologist linked with a network of specialists is an effective, less expensive and reproducible model of assistance of the diabetic foot.

![Graph showing decrease in major and minor amputations over time](image-url)